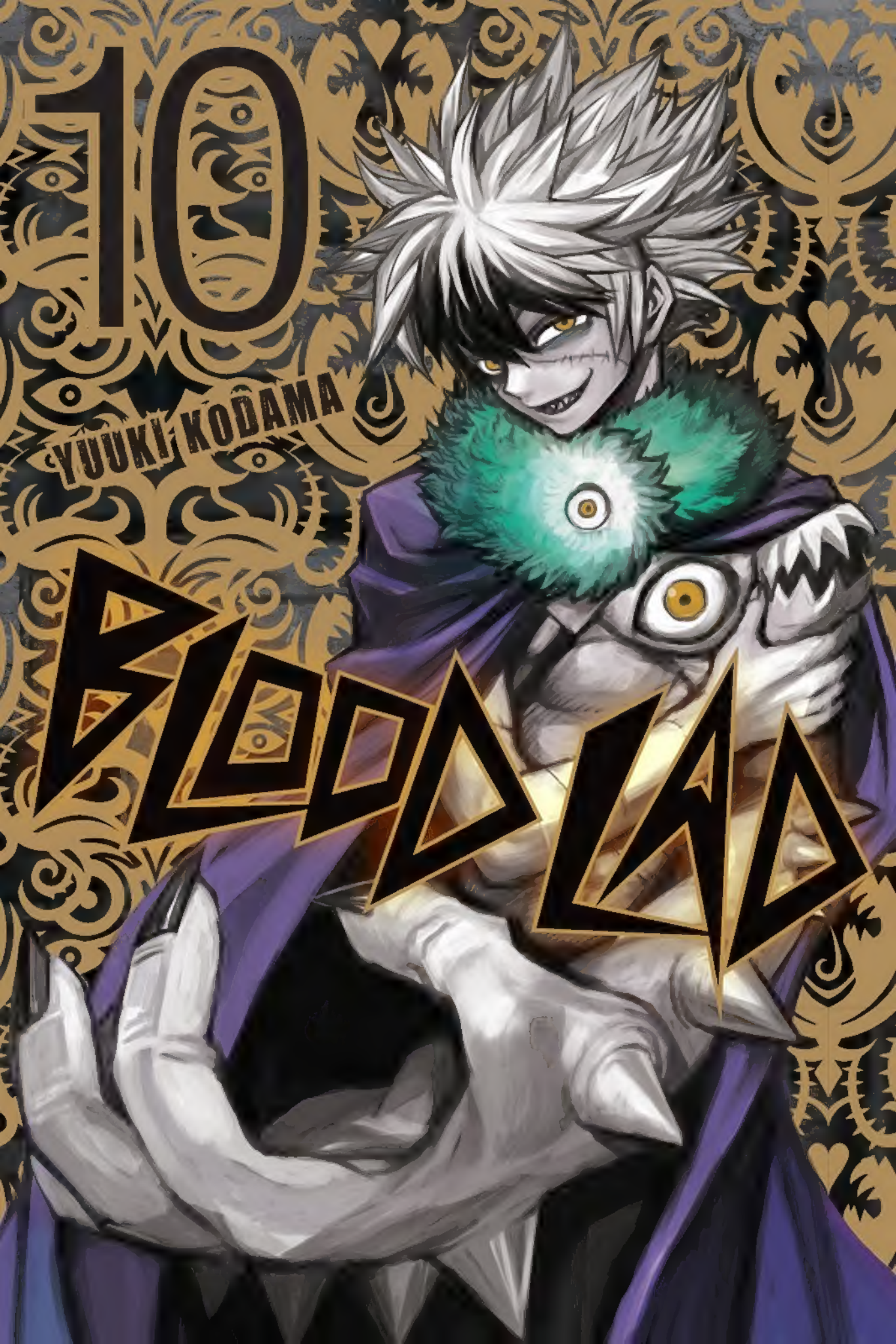
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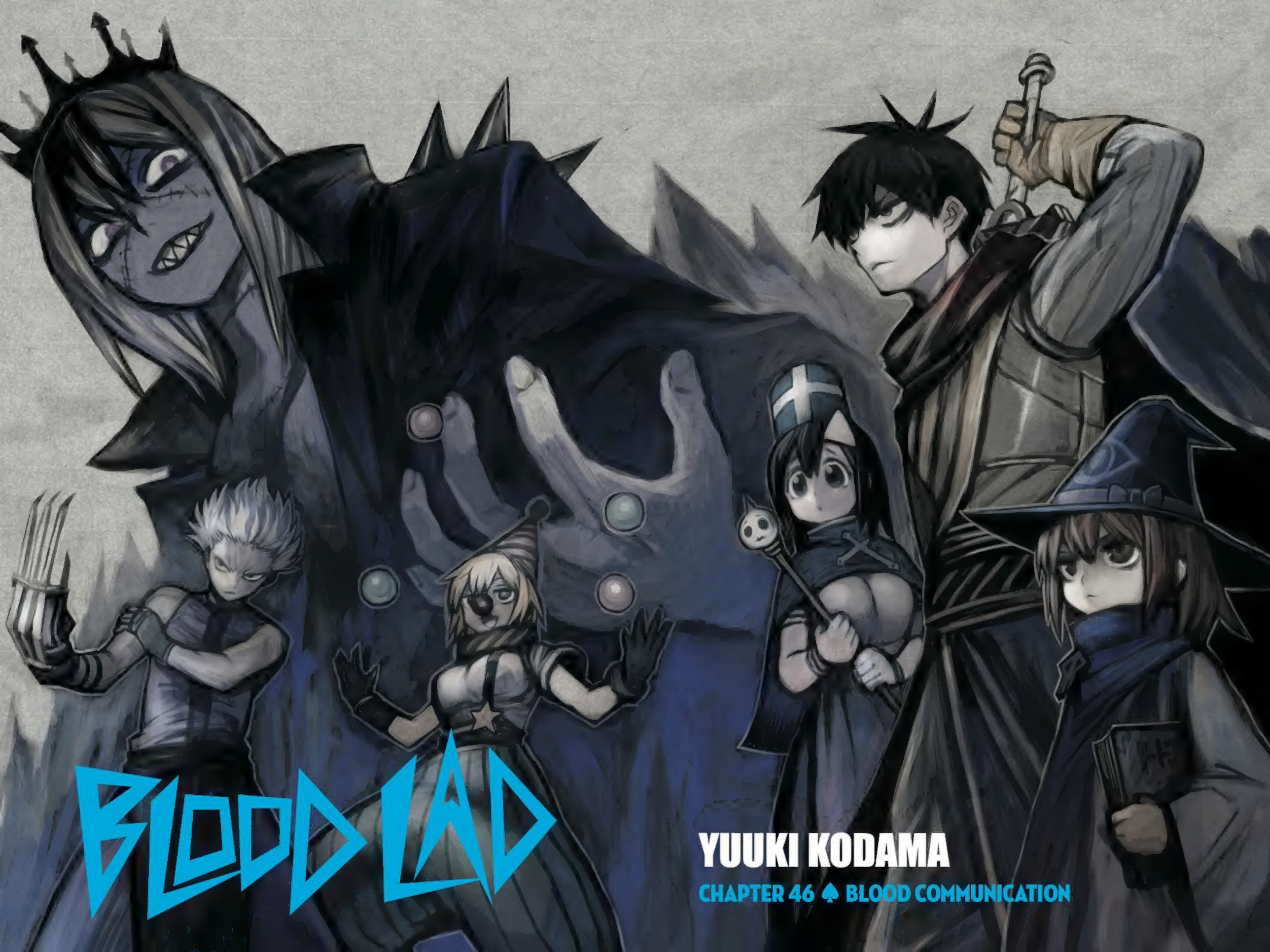

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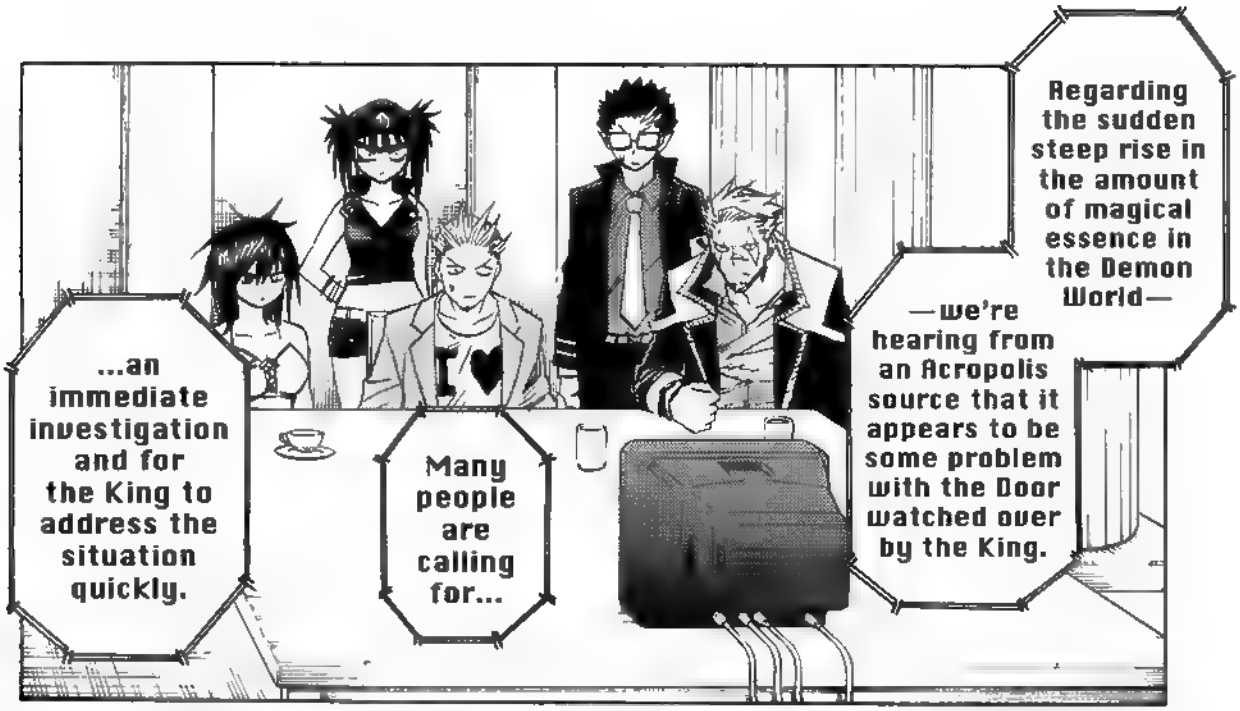
SIGN: CAFÉ THIRD EYE
喫茶
サードアイ
tea
tea
NAH, I DON'T THINK THAT'S IT.
IT'S PROBABLY JUST THAT THEY HAPPENED TO BE WEAK.
I MEAN, YOU'VE BEEN KICKING SOME SERIOUS BUTT, DEK.
Y'KNOW, DEK...
AHHH.
HM?
YOU REALLY GOT A HANDLE ON THOSE TERRITORY CHALLENGES LATELY.
YA THINK?
カラン
KARAN (JINGLE)
カラン
KARAN
MAYBE EVEN MORE THAN STAZ, ACTUALLY...
THEY'RE SAYING... THE DEMON WORLD IS IN BIG TROUBLE!!
DEK-SAN, WE'VE GOT A SITUATION!!

GYAA
GYAA (KREE)
SO, WHAT IS IT?
ER...WELL, I HEARD IT FROM YAMADA AND THE OTHERS... BUT SOMEONE IMPORTANT REALLY WENT CRAZY IN THE ACROPOLIS...
OH! S... SORRY!
YOU'RE LOSING YOUR COOL. YOUR MIMICRY WORE OFF AGAIN.
HEY... YOSHI-DA.
66
WHATEVER, DUDE, YOU CAN JUST STAY LIKE THAT.
J...JUST TURN ON THE TV, THEN, PLEASE...!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TRYIN' TO SAY...
AND IT'S ALL OVER THE NEWS ON TV...
BUN (VMM)

OOH.
FINALLY AWAKE?
STAZ-SAN...
WHAT'S HAP-PENING...
.....
SCREEN: DEMON TV NEWS
RTV NEWS
WHERE ...
And our next item...


Regarding the sudden steep rise in the amount of magical essence in the Demon World—
—we're hearing from an Acropolis source that it appears to be some problem with the Door watched over by the King.
Many people are calling for...
...an immediate investigation and for the King to address the situation quickly.

THIS IS BRAZ'S MANSION...
WON'T BE LONG BEFORE IT GETS OUT THAT THE KING'S NOT EVEN IN THE PALACE.
NOT GOOD, WOLF DADDY...

.....
MY BROTHER ...!
...THANKS TO YOU... AND YOUR BROTHER.
AND WE ALL MANAGED TO MAKE IT HERE...

MAYBE THAT BLOOD ON YOUR JACKET WILL JOG YOUR MEMORY.
YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER A THING?
SERI-OUSLY ...?
BLOOD...?
I'M NOT GONNA TURN TAIL AFTER GETTIN' MADE FUN OF...
THIS BLOOD IS...
ZA CKTCH
!
...I'M NOT GROWN-UP ENOUGH FOR THAT!!

ドロ
DON
DOOM
!
WHA
...

I'LL HOLD HIM OFF!!
BROTHER ...!?
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE... GET STAZ...
BUSHU (STAB)

IT'S UP TO YOU NOW...
NOW YOU REMEMBER...
...HOW YOU GOT OUT OF THERE?
.....

IT'S BEEN TWO HOURS .....
オオオオ
(OOOOM)
THE TRUTH BEHIND THIS WHOLE MESS...
AN INCREASE OF MAGICAL ESSENCE IS JUST A TEMPORARY THING, SO IT'LL SETTLE DOWN EVENTUALLY..... BUT...
IT'S NOT SUCH A HUGE DEAL THAT THE DOOR GOT BLOWN OFF... ORIGINALLY THE DEMON WORLD DIDN'T HAVE THAT THING...
... NEVER MIND THAT.
WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO THE DEMON WORLD IF I GO PUBLIC WITH THAT...?
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ZU (ZMN)
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ズ
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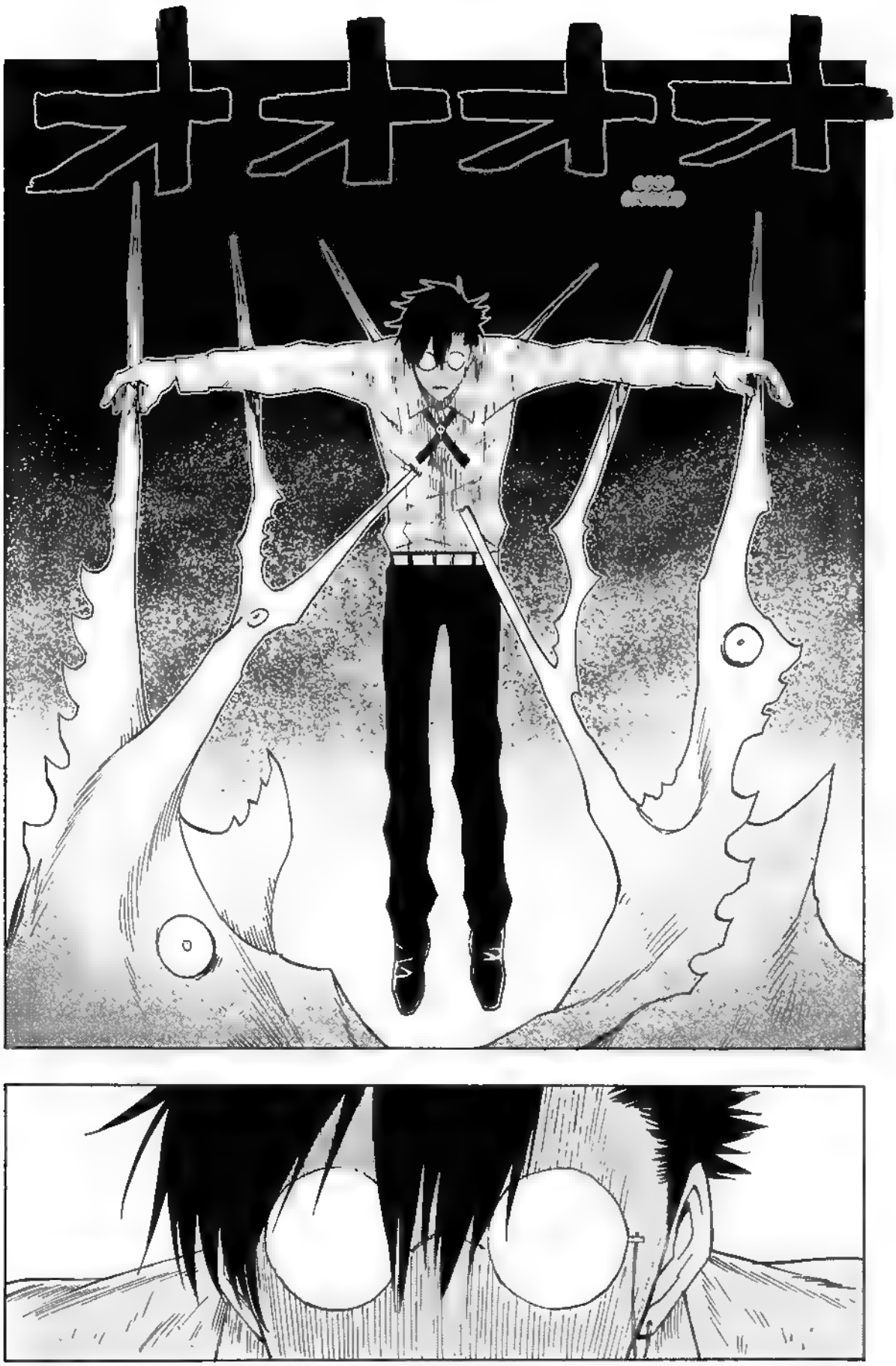
THAT BOY, AKIM—HE MIGHT VERY WELL BE WAITING FOR THAT RIGHT NOW.....
IT'S SUICIDAL FOR YOU TO BE IN PUBLIC AT ALL RIGHT NOW.

YOU PEOPLE'RE JUST STANDIN' AROUND ...
PEH!
GA (CLUNK)
...ACTIN' COOL AND TALKIN' ABOUT THE LAMEST STUFF...
I DON'T THINK STAZ'S BROTHER LAID DOWN HIS LIFE...
...SO YOU COULD HAVE A MEETING ABOUT THIS POINTLESS CRAP, YOU GEEZER.
ボタ
BOTA
ボタ..
BOTA (DRIP)
FOR THE STAGE TO BE SET...
...FOR HIM TO SLAY THE KING IN FRONT OF EVERYONE... AND HEROICALLY TAKE THE THRONE FOR HIMSELF.



BROTHER ISN'T DEAD...
... LIZ ...
YOU THINK HE SAVED YOU...?
DON'T BE SO FULL OF YOUR-SELF...
NO WAY BROTHER WOULD SAVE YOU WITHOUT SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND...
GYU
GYU CLENCHD
IT'S PART OF SOME KIND OF PLAN...
BUT YOU'RE SO STUPID, YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE THAT...!

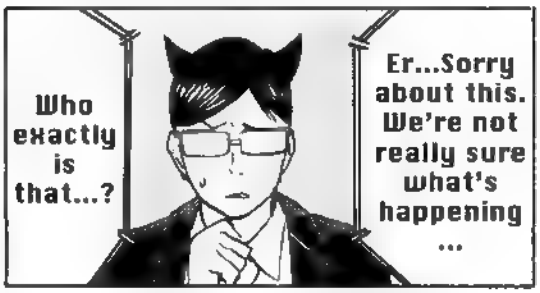
WHOSE FAULT D'YOU THINK ALL THIS IS?
STAZ-SAN...
.....
LIZ-CHA—
OH...
DA (DASH)

GU (CLUTCH)
.....
IT'S MY FAULT...
Hellooo, Demon World!
Heeey!

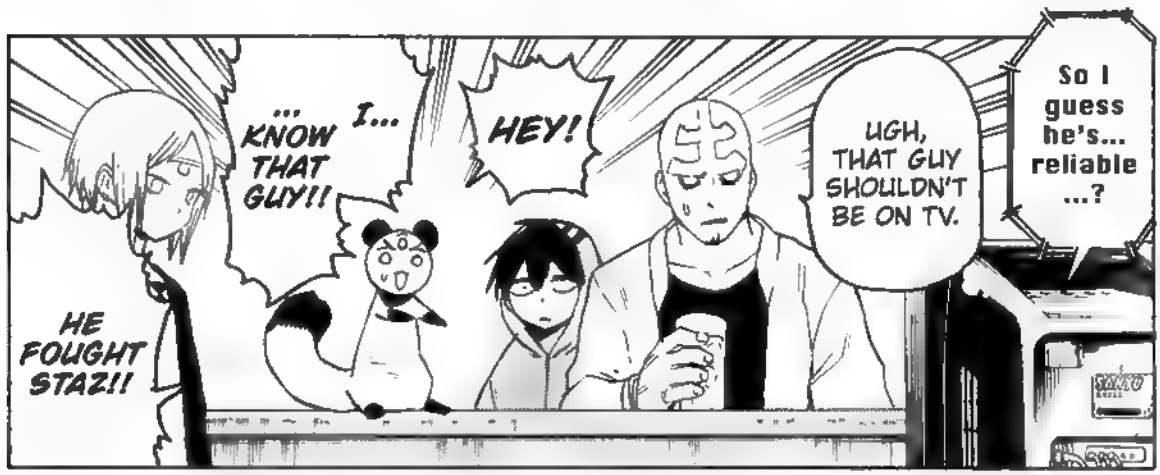
The feed from the Acropolis just...
The feed... is back on?
Huh... What's this?
Ooh, am I on? Yaaaaay!
!
RTV

Are the little chickens who ran away from me waaatching?

KYA (WHEE)
HE SAYS THAT HE KNOWS THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DOOR...
KYA
...AND THE PALACE REMAINS SILENT ON THE ISSUE, BUT HE'S JUST COME FROM THERE...


Who exactly is that...?
Er...Sorry about this. We're not really sure what's happening ...

I... I'M NOT REALLY SURE EITHER...
AKIM-CHAN, HERE! ♡


HE FOUGHT STAZ!!
...KNOW THAT GUY!!
I...
HEY!
UGH, THAT GUY SHOULDN'T BE ON TV.
So I guess he's... reliable ...?

I SAAID ...
WHA?
SO...UHHH, WHAT WERE WE TALKING ABOUT? THE DOOR?
YEAH, THAT—
I BROKE IT.
ZU GYAAAA
...I DID IT...
DO
DO
DO
DO GOLLLLO
...WITH THIS POWER, SEE...?

KINDA LIKE THIS...
コオオオオ
KOOOOO (WHOOOO)
!
TV
キュ
KYU (VWEE)
ドオオオン
DOOOON (BOOOOM)
AUUUGH!

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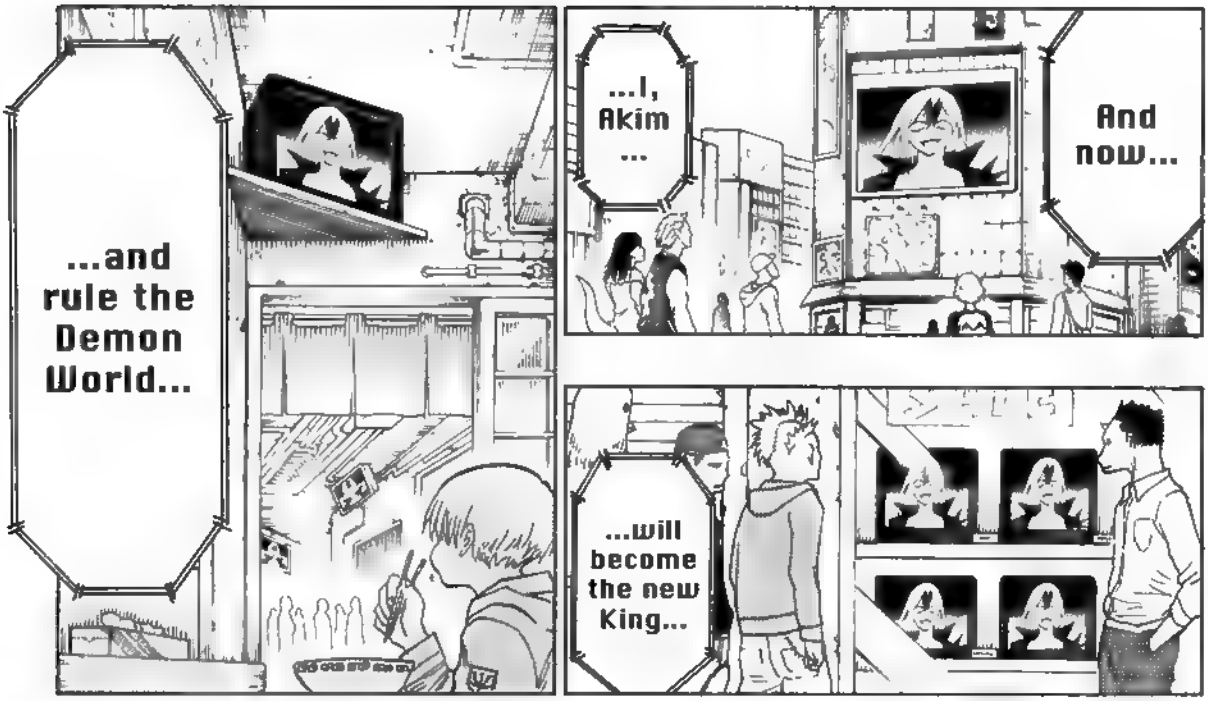
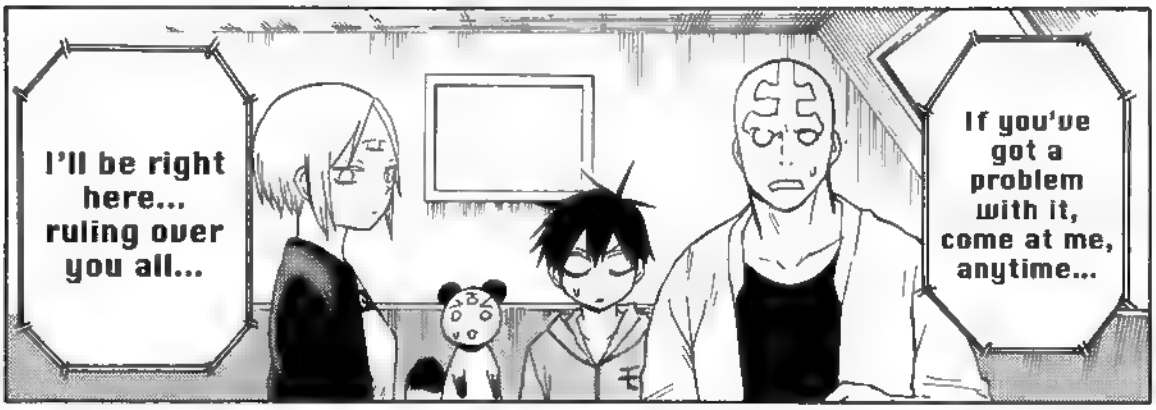
GO
GO
GO
GO
(RUMBLE)
(WHOO)
Th... this is a terrible scene...!
A...a mon-ster...
...just appeared out of nowhere and destroyed the Palace...!

THE KING THAT YOU KNOW ISN'T AROUND ANYMORE.
(OOOH)
SO... YOU GET IT NOW?


...and rule the Demon World...
...I, Akim ...
And now...
...will become the new King...


I'll be right here... ruling over you all...
If you've got a problem with it, come at me, anytime...

SEE YOU SOON. BYE-BYE NOW!
WELL... THAT'S IT!

.....
ZAA (FSHH)
BU (VMM)
... WOLF DADDY ...
GATA (CLUNK)
.....
GAH HA HA!
GOOD ONE!
I'VE REALLY BEEN HAD!
WELL, DAMN!
GAH HA HA HA!!
HMPH.
...THAT AKIM WOULD BECOME "KING"...
WE WERE AFRAID...
HUH?
THE SITUATION'S TAKEN A FAVORABLE TURN.
HOLD UP— WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU SO HAPPY ABOUT, OLD MAN?

EX-ACTLY .....
...BUT THE PERFECT VILLAIN.
WHAT WAS BORN JUST NOW IS NO KING—
NEYN-CHAN... DID YOU HEAR ANY OF THAT?
..... HUH? BUT THAT JUST...
BUT...IF THE KING'S RIGHTEOUS-NESS SHOULD WAVER...?
THAT'S WHY EVERYONE LIVES THEIR LIVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS.
THE KING IS THE SYMBOL OF ABSOLUTE JUSTICE, THE FOUNDATION OF LAW AND ORDER IN THE DEMON WORLD.
WHETHER WE LET THAT OUT OR KEEP IT A SECRET... THE PEOPLE OF THE DEMON WORLD CAN'T TRUST THEIR KING ANYMORE.
THE KING WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PROTECTING THE DEMON WORLD WAS ACTUALLY KEEPING A MONSTER THAT WOULD DESTROY IT BEHIND THE DOOR.....

YES... BUT AKIM WON'T WAIT.
HE'LL DEFINITELY BE COMING TO KILL YOU.
AND IT'LL TAKE TIME TO RECOVER THE TRUST THAT I'VE LOST—TO GET BACK ON THE "RIGHT" SIDE...
I KNOW, IT SERVES ME RIGHT ...
...THAT WOULD ONLY CONFIRM THE LOSS OF FAITH IN THEIR KING.
AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE DEMON WORLD...
...THE WORLD WOULD BE PLUNGED INTO CHAOS...
...AKIM, THE RIGHTFUL KING...
THE COLLAPSE OF ORDER...

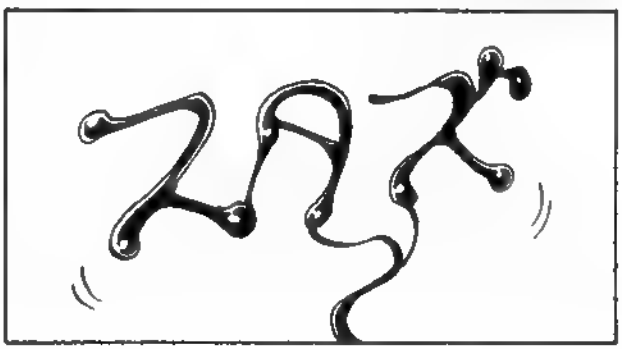
And, this just in...
HE LOST AGAINST STAZ, YOU COULD TOTALLY TAKE HIM!!
YEAH, GO GET 'IM, DEK!
WHO THE HELL WAS THAT GUY? JUST GOING AROUND, SAYING WHATEVER HE WANTS!
GARURURU (GRRR)
ガルルル
BUT...
ダン
DAN (BANG)

RIGHT NOW..... THE MORAL COMPASS WITHIN US ALL...
Everyone, please calm down. We share your feelings.
We're receiving a flood of phone calls and fax messages regarding the recent broadcast, all expressing outrage and death threats.

...STRAIGHT IN THE SAME DIRECTION...
...IS POINTING ...

BLOOD: I'M ALL RIGHT.

BLOOD: STAZ



DO
DO
DO
DO (DUMP)
...EVERYONE FEELS IT...

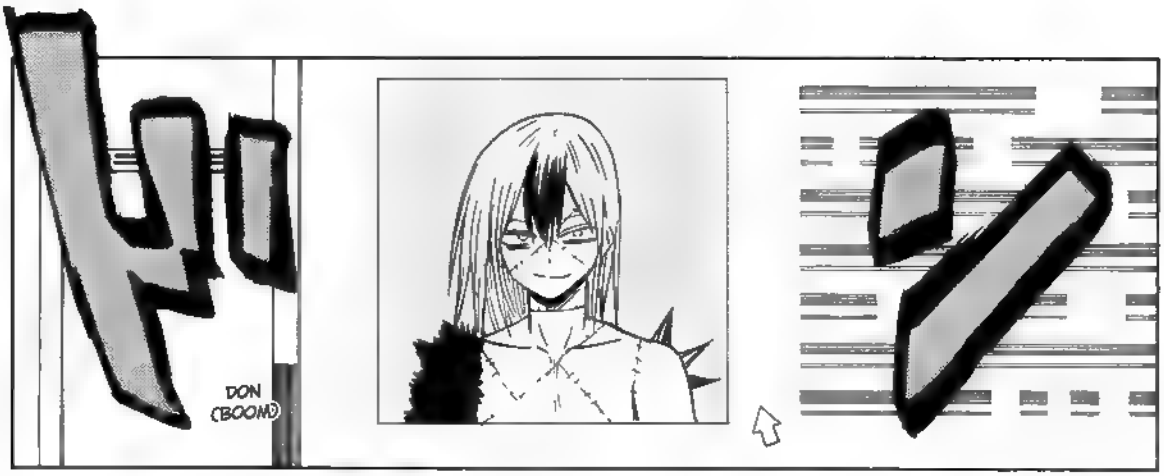
YOU WERE RIGHT ...
THIS MAKES ME KING...
...WITHOUT THE TROUBLE OF HAVING TO GO FIND AND KILL WOLF DADDY.

JUST LIKE YOU SAID... IT WAS EASY.
.....HA HA...OF COURSE.
NO, NONE..... NOT ANY-MORE.
HMM.
AH HA HA!
NO PRIDE AT ALL, HUH!?
IF YOU LET ME LIVE, I CAN BE USEFUL TO YOU IN MANY WAYS, KING AKIM.
GUESS I'LL LET YOU LIVE, THEN.
DO (THUD)
THERE IS A LITTLE SOMETHING I WANTED YOU TO MAKE.
WHAT-EVER ...
ZUBO (BLOOP)

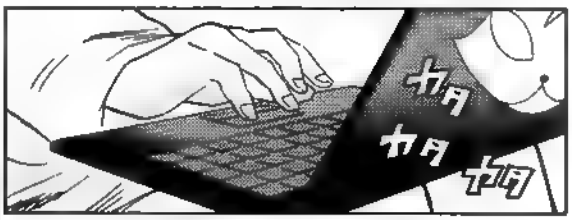
NO NEED TO WORRY.
SO IF YOU TRY ANYTHING FUNNY, I'LL CRUSH YOUR HEART! ♡
OH...AND BY THE WAY, IT'S NO USE TRYING TO RUN.
I'VE ALREADY SNUCK MY OWN MAGIC INTO YOUR BODY.
IF YOU JUST SPARE MY LIFE... I WON'T ASK FOR ANYTHING ELSE.
LIZ
LIZ!!
BAN (BANG)

I WAS BEING STUPID!
LIZ... IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID!
WHAT, STAZ!? DON'T JUST COME BARGING IN!
!!
?
OUR BROTHER'S ALIVE!

HEY... HEY, THAT HURTS!! OKAY...I GET IT! CUT IT OUT!
DON (THUD)
DOGA (CRASH)
I KNEW THAT!! STUPID STAZ!!
OF COURSE HE IS!!



SFX: KATA (CLICK) KATA KATA



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Staz C. Blood
MP
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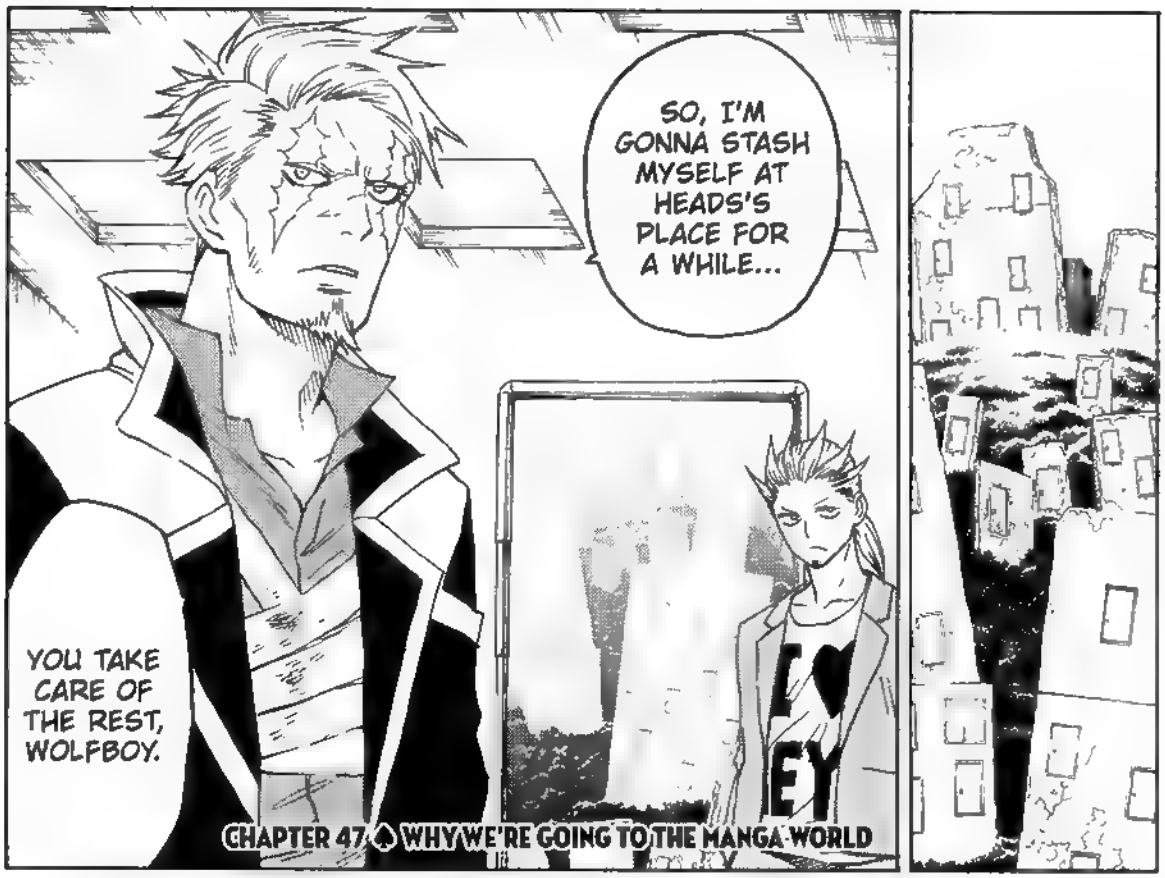
organ

BLOOD LAD


SO, I'M GONNA STASH MYSELF AT HEADS'S PLACE FOR A WHILE...
YOU TAKE CARE OF THE REST, WOLFBOY.
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...HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO STOP ANYTHING NOW...
DO
DIE

HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE.
JUST GONNA RUN OFF BY YOURSELF, OLD MAN ...?
TAKE CARE OF IT, HUH ...

AND... EVEN IF HE DID...
IF HE SHOWS HIMSELF NOW, HE'LL JUST INCITE MORE CONFUSION.

DO
DO
DO
DO
CHAPTER 47 ♠
WHY WE'RE GOING
TO THE MANGA WORLD
AH HA HA!
LOOK HOW MANY ARE HERE ALREADY!
RAAH!
WHAT'RE YOU, SCARED!?
GET DOWN HERE!
Look at this!
COME AT ME!!
RAAH!

It's already a powder keg here!
People want to punish the mystery man who calls himself the new king, and the movement is intensifying...
This is what's happening right now in front of the ruins of the Palace.
TV
ZU (GRIM)
WELL, THEN ...
ZU
ZU
ZU
TIME FOR A NEW SHOW!
YOU COULD CALL IT A DEATH RACE...
RIGHT...THIS WON'T BE OVER UNTIL SOMEBODY STOPS HIM.

...THAT AKIM ISN'T JUST A CLOWN, BUT SOMETHING TO BE FEARED.
IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THE WHOLE DEMON WORLD REALIZES...

AN ABSOLUTE EVIL THAT SHOULD BE QUELLED BY THE KING...

AND THE MOMENT THAT FACT COMES TO LIGHT...

WELL, LOOK AT ME.
EVERY-ONE WILL THINK THAT, BUT...

NOT EVEN THE BEST IN THE DEMON WORLD COULD PUT UP A FIGHT AGAINST HIM...

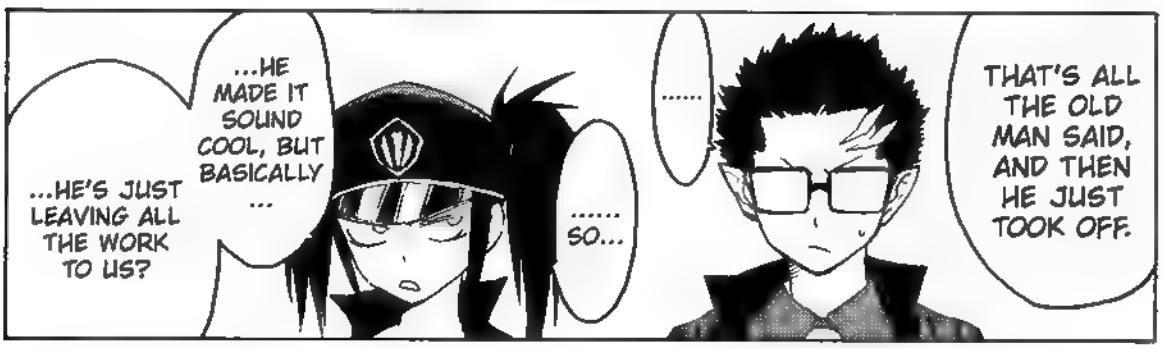
...THE NAME AKIM...
...WILL COME TO MEAN "DESPAIR."
YOU GET IT?
WE HAVE TO KEEP THE FLAME OF HOPE, THE KING, BURNING UNTIL THE VERY END...
.....
WHAT, SO YOU'RE JUST GONNA SIT AROUND AND WAIT...?
JUST GO ON LIKE SOME DAMSEL IN DISTRESS, PRAYING THAT SOMEONE ELSE DEFEATS HIM FOR YOU!? HUH!?
YOU'RE SAYIN' THAT'S YOUR JOB!?

THEN YOU AIN'T THE KING NO MORE.
BUT, YEAH. PRETTY MUCH.
..... SORRY.
I KNOW.
YEAH ...
THE TRUE KING IS THE WINNER OF THIS DEATH RACE.

...WILL BE THE ONE WHOM THE NEXT GENERATION CALLS THEIR "KING."
THE ONE WHO CAN STOP AKIM...
I'M LEAVING THE FUTURE TO ALL OF YOU...
THAT'S WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO.
.....

—IS WHAT HE SAID...
.....

NOPE.
..."AWRIGHT! LEAVE IT TO ME, DUDE!" OR SOMETHING?
SO THEN YOU WERE ALL LIKE...
..... HE SAID, HUH ...


...HE'S JUST LEAVING ALL THE WORK TO US?
...HE MADE IT SOUND COOL, BUT BASICALLY ...
..... SO...
.....
THAT'S ALL THE OLD MAN SAID, AND THEN HE JUST TOOK OFF.

SO, WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO NOW?
NO!! UNTIL THERE'S A NEW KING... IT...IT'S POSTPONED! DEFERRED!
HUH? BUT THE GUY JUST RETIRED FROM BEING KING, RIGHT?
...
Y...YOU IDIOT! HOW CAN YOU TALK LIKE THAT ABOUT THE KING!?

THE ONE WHO'S GONNA STOP HIM IS ME.
AIN'T IT OBVIOUS?
WOLF.
...BUT BECAUSE WE GOT UNFINISHED BUSINESS.
NOT BECAUSE THE OLD MAN TOLD ME TO.....
SO YOU'RE GONNA DEAL WITH IT AFTER ALL...
WHAT, NOW ...
OBVI-OUSLY.
THAT'S THE KINDA GUY YOU ARE.
...THAT'S ALL.
GOTTA SETTLE THIS...

I'M GOING TOO.
!
BESIDES, HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN BRING FUYUMI BACK TO LIFE...
MY JERKFACE BROTHER WENT AND SAVED ME.....
...SO NOW I OWE HIM ONE, AND IF I DON'T GO IT'LL KEEP ME UP AT NIGHT...
...NOT THINKIN' OF ASKIN' ME TO SEND YOU TO AKIM, ARE YOU!?
YOU'RE ...
H-HOLD ON A MINUTE, YOU GUYS!
SO HOWEVER YOU LOOK AT IT, I GOTTA GO...

ARE YOU GUYS STUPID!?
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN BEAT HIM!!
OH... WELL, WE DON'T KNOW THAT FOR...
YEAH, YOU DO!! HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY THINK THIS IS GONNA WORK!?
HEH...
YEAH, IF YOU ...
NOOOPE!!
IT DEF-INITELY... WON'T BE EASY FOR THEM.
KACHA (CHIK)
WE CAN'T HANDLE IT EITHER, CAPTAIN...
WHY'RE YOU MAKIN' IT SOUND LIKE IT'D BE EASY FOR US?
YEAH, SO... AKIM CAN TELEPORT, AND NOW ON TOP OF THAT...
...HE CAN ABSORB OTHERS' MAGIC.
AND THEN, ON TOP OF THAT...
...HE MADE HIMSELF ONE WITH GRIMM, THE MONSTER FROM BEHIND THE DOOR, RIGHT...!? IF YOU GO, THERE WON'T BE A THING YOU CAN DO AGAINST HIM.

MAYBE ...
I'M SAYING YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE GONNA DO BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING!
THEN WHAT D'YOU SUGGEST?
...
...WE CAN FIND SOME KIND OF HINT IN THERE.....
MAME-SAN!
KARAN (JINGLE)
カラン
KARAN
サードアイ
喫茶
SIGN: CAFÉ THIRD EYE
FU—

WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU!!
YES, THANKS ...
FUYUMI! FUYUMI, IS THAT YOU!?
TA (HOP)
TA
TA
YOU'RE OKAY!!
HEEY.
WHO'S THE KID...?
AND... HUH?
(STARE)
EMPTY AGAIN TODAY, HUH.
WELL, I BROUGHT SOME CUSTOMERS.

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JUU
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JUU
(SIZZLE)
デーン
DEEN
(TA-DAA)
EAT UP, EVERYONE, DON'T BE SHY!
OKAY! SO, FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS, WE GET SOME FUEL IN US!
DOESN'T HE MEAN WHAT'S THE MEETING FOR?
NOT THAT ...
MOGU (CHEW)
もぐもぐ
MOGU
YOU'VE NEVER HAD IT?
IT'S TSUCHI-NOKO.
..... WHAT IS THIS?

IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME TO LOOK FOR THE HINT.
SO I THOUGHT WE'D MAKE THIRD EYE OUR STRATEGIC BASE FOR THE TIME BEING.
WHAT, YOU'RE JUST COMMAN-DEERING US!?
AND I WANNA KNOW ABOUT THAT HINT YOU MENTIONED.
TAKE IT EASY, WILL YA?
WAIT A...
I SEE... IF THAT'S HOW IT IS...
IS THAT OKAY, CAP-TAIN!?
RELAX..... WE JUST NEED A PLACE TO EAT, AND EVERYONE CAN SLEEP IN MY APARTMENT.
AND YOU'RE GONNA STAY IN THIS TERRITORY!?
I DON'T MIND EITHER.
IF IT MEANS WE CAN FIND THAT HINT OR WHATEVER.

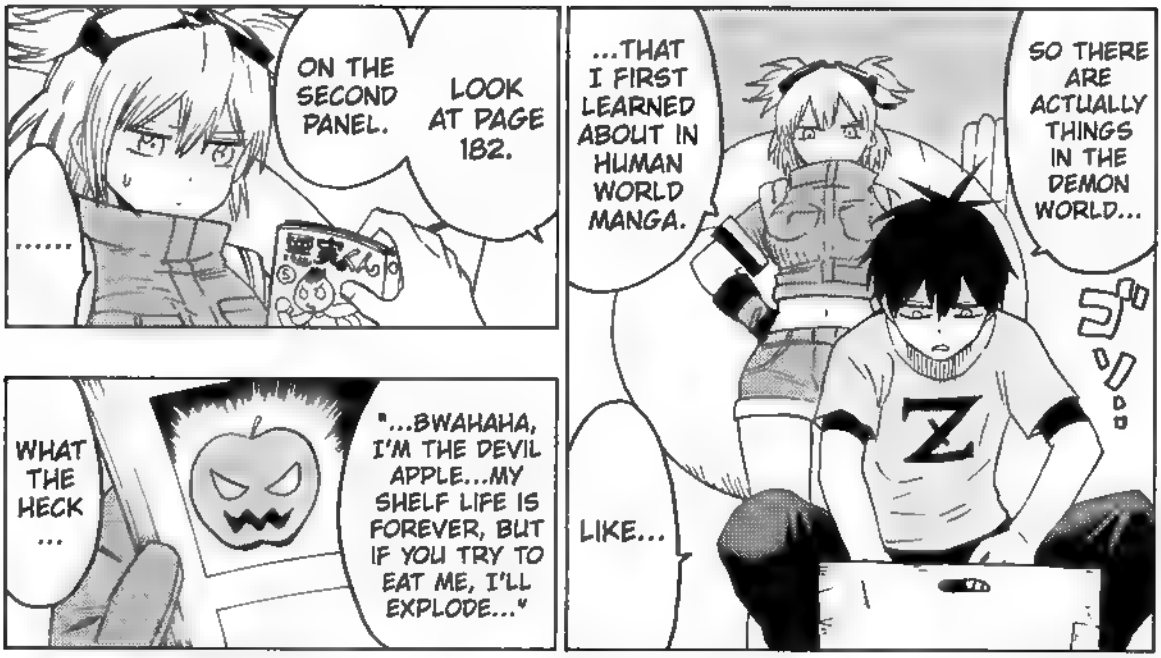
YEAH. WE'LL FIND IT FOR SURE.
IN MY HUGE...
...HUMAN WORLD LIBRARY...!
DOOON (DUUUM)
...!
PARA (FLIP)
THE HINT'S..... IN HERE?
.....
DON'T ACT SO WEIRDED OUT.
YOU... YOU HAVE A WHOLE OTHER ROOM FULL OF MANGA...? UH...WOW!
OOOH!!

ARE YOU SERIOUS?
THESE ARE COMICS, FOR KIDS. AS IN FICTION?
...CASE STUDIES...
SFX: GI (RETREAT) GI GI
RIGHT.
THIS STUFF FROM THE HUMAN WORLD...IN PARTICULAR, THE MANGA FOR BOYS FROM JAPAN...
...HAS LOTS OF CASE STUDIES OF SITUATIONS JUST LIKE OURS...!
UH-HUH... SO YOU KNOW IT'S FICTION.
I MIGHT BE A HUGE NERD, BUT EVEN I KNOW THAT.
HOW DUMB DO YOU THINK I AM?
THEN I'D SAY YOU HAVE A PROBLEM.
WHICH WAY DO YOU READ THIS...?
I HAVEN'T SEEN THIS IN AGES!!
I KNOW THIS ONE!!
OOOH!!
HM..... ALL OF THESE ARE MOSTLY PICTURES.
IF YOU HAVE TO SUM IT UP IN ONE WORD, YEAH, IT IS.
FICTION...
.....

BUT IN THE HUMAN WORLD, VAMPIRES AND GHOSTS...AND WEREWOLVES ...
...ALL FALL UNDER THE CATEGORY OF "FICTION"...!
.....
...STUFF THAT'S "FAKE" IN THESE IS ACTUALLY "REAL" IN THE DEMON WORLD.
WELL, WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS...
THERE'S A CHARACTER KINDA LIKE YOU IN—
NOPE, NEVER MIND.
DON'T BE SO SURE.
THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE ME...

MANGA: MR. MONSTER

THEY REALLY WERE THERE, AND PEOPLE REMEMBERED AND PASSED DOWN THE STORIES...
...WHICH TURNED INTO THIS...
THESE COULD EVEN BE THE REMNANTS FROM A TIME WHEN OUR ANCESTORS ATTACKED PEOPLE IN THE HUMAN WORLD.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ON THE SECOND PANEL.
LOOK AT PAGE 182.
WHAT THE HECK ...
"...BWAHAHA, I'M THE DEVIL APPLE...MY SHELF LIFE IS FOREVER, BUT IF YOU TRY TO EAT ME, I'LL EXPLODE..."
LIKE...
...THAT I FIRST LEARNED ABOUT IN HUMAN WORLD MANGA.
SO THERE ARE ACTUALLY THINGS IN THE DEMON WORLD...
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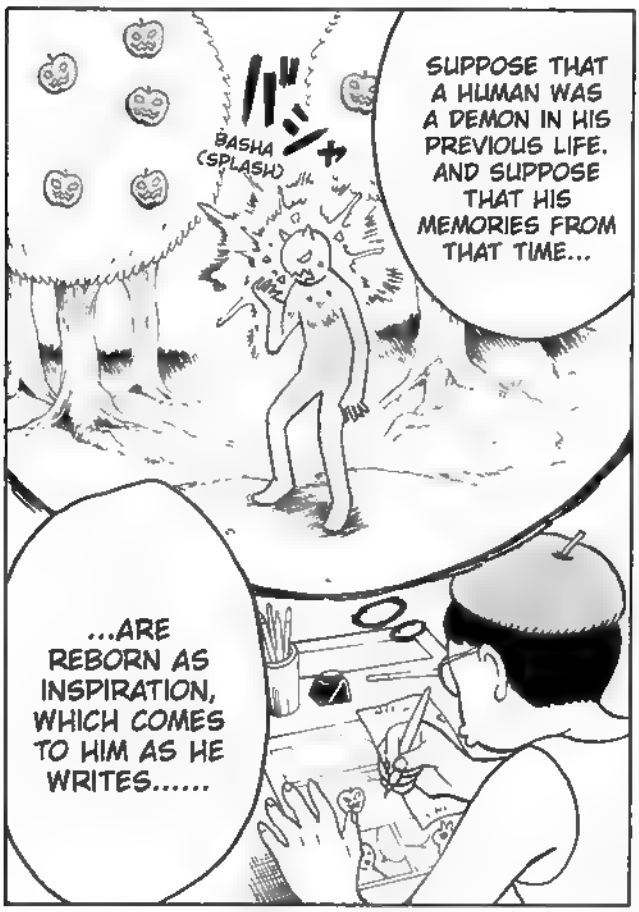
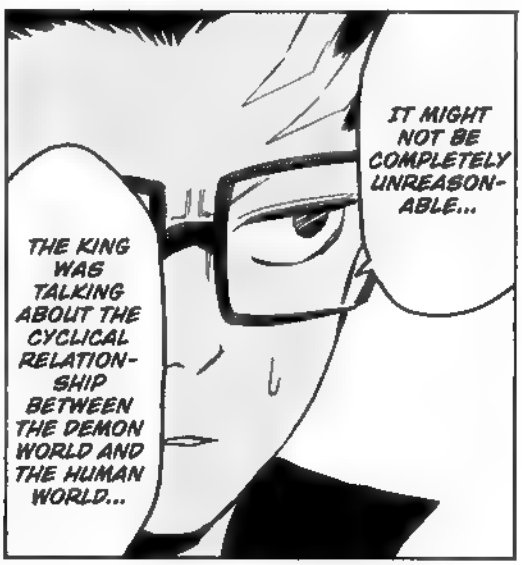
SFX: GOSO (RUMMAGE)

NO... WAI—
WHA!? HEY—
FINE, I WILL! JUST SEE WHAT HAPPENS!
YOU EAT IT!
WHO WOULD EAT SOMETHING THAT OMINOUS LOOKING!?
IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, GO AHEAD AND EAT IT!
NO WAY!!
BITAAN (THWAP)
ビタ〜ン!!

SFX: GUSSHO (DRENCHED)
.....I HATE YOU.
GROSS!
HUR—
HRGH ...
DOROOO (SLIMY)
MUUN (GRRR)
HURGH!!
IT WAS TOTALLY ROTTEN INSIDE, SO ONLY THE PART THAT ITS SHELF LIFE IS FOREVER WAS FICTION.
...SO, LIKE THAT.


BASHA (SPLASH)
SUPPOSE THAT A HUMAN WAS A DEMON IN HIS PREVIOUS LIFE. AND SUPPOSE THAT HIS MEMORIES FROM THAT TIME...
...ARE REBORN AS INSPIRATION, WHICH COMES TO HIM AS HE WRITES.....

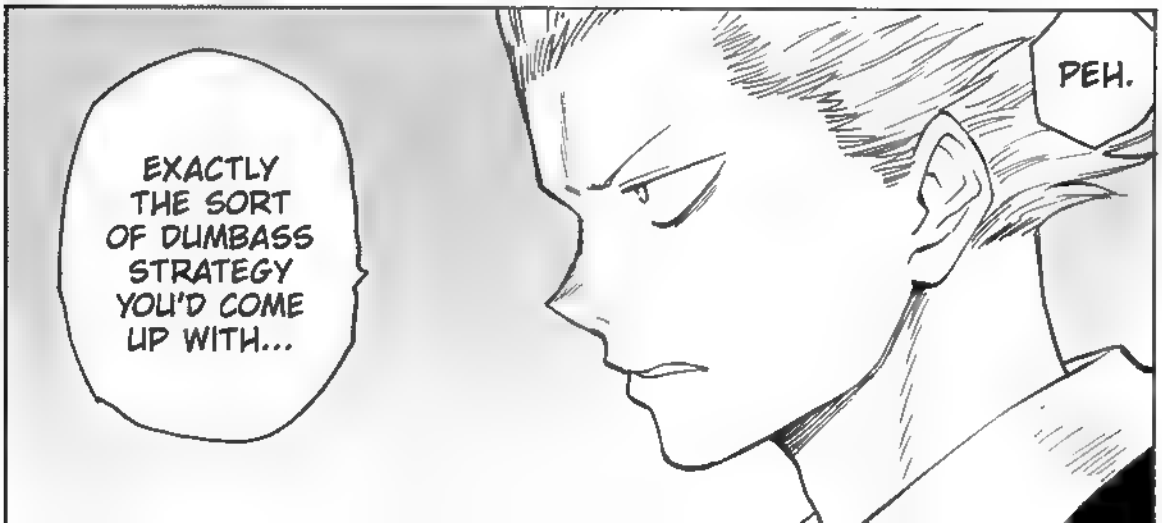
HMM... I SEE.
KACHA (CHK)
BUT THERE MIGHT BE MORE STUFF IN HERE ABOUT THE DEMON WORLD THAT WE DON'T KNOW.


IT MIGHT NOT BE COMPLETELY UNREASONABLE...
THE KING WAS TALKING ABOUT THE CYCLICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DEMON WORLD AND THE HUMAN WORLD...

SO BASI-CALLY ...
WHEN I LISTEN TO OLD MUSIC FROM THE HUMAN WORLD THAT I'VE NEVER HEARD BEFORE, I CAN START SINGING ALONG IN THE MIDDLE OF IT...STUFF LIKE THAT...
BATAN (FWAP)
ACTUALLY, I THINK I UNDER-STAND IT A LITTLE.
NO...
...OR AM I OVER-THINKING IT?

...THERE MIGHT BE A HINT ABOUT AKIM'S WEAKNESS?
STAZ...WHAT YOU'RE TRYIN' TO SAY IS THAT IN THIS FICTIONAL STUFF FROM THE HUMAN WORLD...

...BECAUSE HERE, THAT FICTION IS REALITY.
YEAH ...


EXACTLY THE SORT OF DUMBASS STRATEGY YOU'D COME UP WITH...
PEH.

BAAN, (DUUUM)
I ♥ NEYN
SO.
WHERE'S THE SECOND VOLUME OF THIS?
SHIRT: NEYN ♡
THAT'S MY LINE.
MAKIN' SHIRTS LIKE THIS...
HEY, MAN, I KNOW NEYN-CHAN IS AS PRETTY AS THEY GET, BUT DON'T GO THERE, OKAY?
SORRY... THAT'S THE BIGGEST ONE I HAVE.
...HEY, HEADS... DON'T YOU HAVE A SHIRT THAT'S LESS WEIRD?
I'M FINE...
OW...
JUST GET ME SOMETHING ELSE A.S.A.P...
HEY, LEMME HELP.
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE SIZE...I MEAN, IF I GO AROUND IN THIS IT'S GONNA LOOK LIKE I FELL FOR NEYN TOO...

WAS THAT... REALLY FOR THE BEST...?
...
THIS WOULD'VE BEEN JUST A SCRATCH BACK IN THE DAY...
DAMMIT, THIS IS PATHETIC ...
.....
IT'S FINE.
YOU FINALLY GOT TO MEET YOUR SON, AND THEN...
.....
BUT I'M FINE WITH BEING THE WORST.
THE WAY I AM NOW, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY TO HIM.
I'M ABOUT THE WORST DAD THERE IS...
IT'S READY.

ドン
DON
(BOOM)
I'VE ACCESSED JUST ABOUT EVERY CAMERA IN THE ACROPOLIS PALACE. ♡
I ♥ NEYN

THAT'S ...
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THAT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR PASS-CODE.
IT WAS TOO EASY.
ギシ
GISHI (CREAK)
THAT WAS FAST.
I ♥ NEYN

BRAZ
...

HOPEFULLY THOSE KIDS WON'T DO ANYTHING TOO HASTY ...
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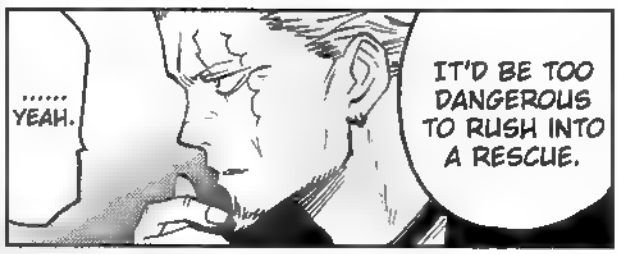
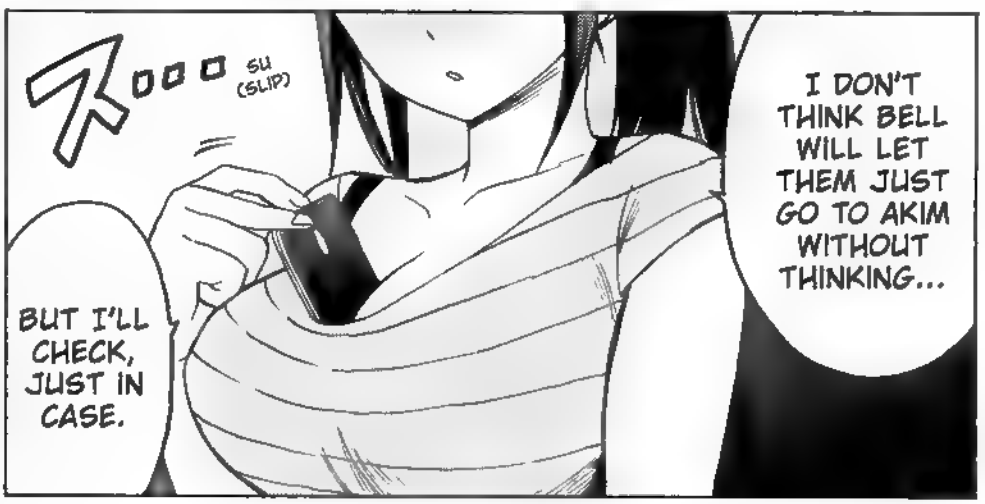
HOPE-FULLY ...

AKIM PROBABLY DID SOMETHING TO HIM...
YES...HE APPEARS TO BE ALL RIGHT, BUT HE'S NOT TRYING TO ESCAPE.


..... YEAH.
IT'D BE TOO DANGEROUS TO RUSH INTO A RESCUE.

SHIRT: NEYN ♡

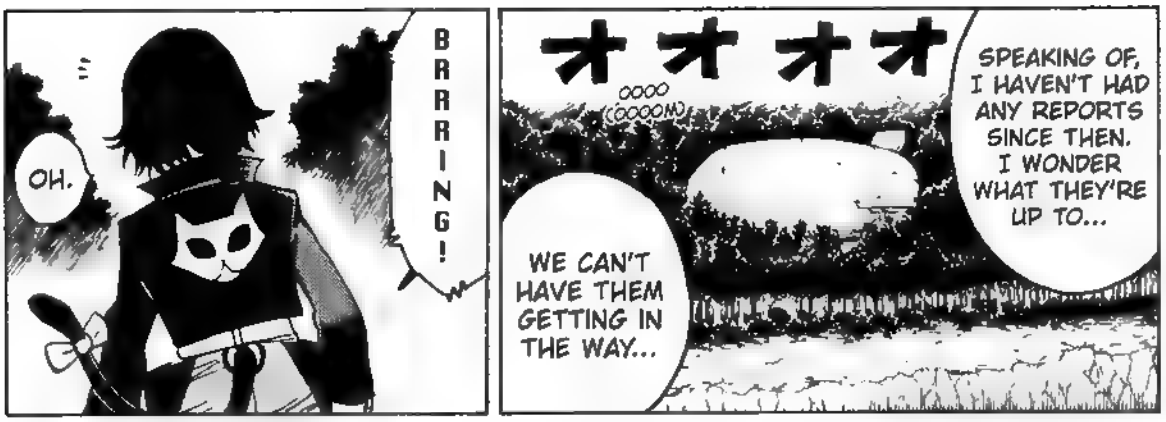
BRRRING!


SU (SLIP)
BUT I'LL CHECK, JUST IN CASE.
I DON'T THINK BELL WILL LET THEM JUST GO TO AKIM WITHOUT THINKING...

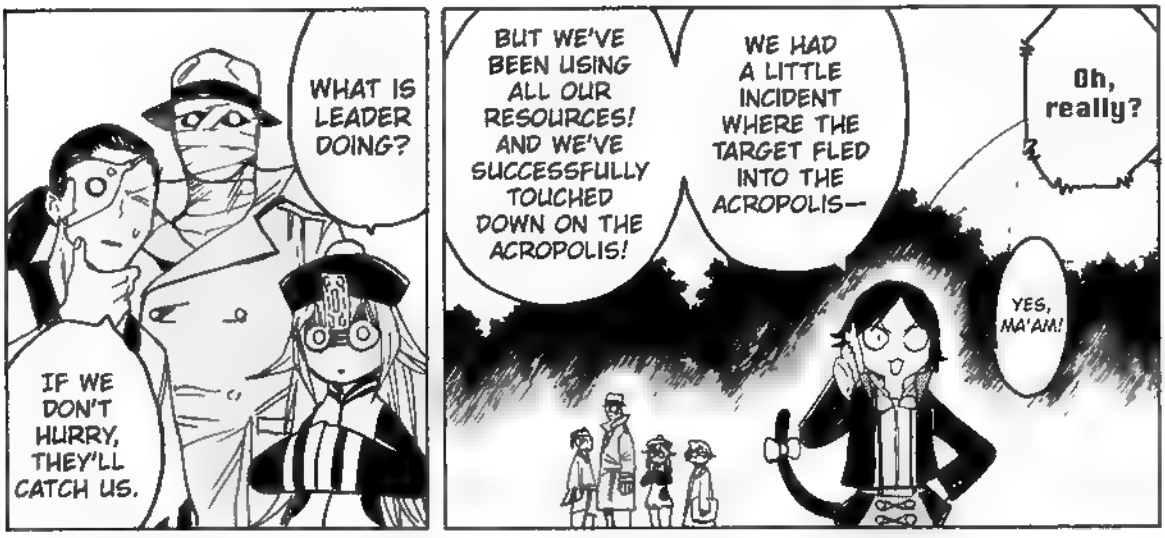
UMM, DEMON WORLD EAST...SAME PLACE AS WHERE I KIDNAPPED FUYUMI.
Knell... Where are you?
HELLO.
Is everyone there?

BEATS ME... THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW.
Manga...? What are they looking at manga for?
THEY'RE ALL READING MANGA.
YEAH... ALL PRESENT.

PI (BIP)
LOOKS LIKE THAT GPS TRACKER ON STAZ IS WORKING...
CAN I GO GET SOMETHING TO EAT NOW?
ANYWAY, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY'LL DO ANYTHING ELSE FOR A WHILE.
Sure... Good work.


BRRRING!
OH.
SPEAKING OF, I HAVEN'T HAD ANY REPORTS SINCE THEN. I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE UP TO...
WE CAN'T HAVE THEM GETTING IN THE WAY...

NOT TO WORRY! WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS...! STEADY PROGRESS AS WE SPEAK!!
I was wondering about Staz...
OH...OUR CLIENT!!
HELLO, VAMPIRE HUNTERS?


WHAT IS LEADER DOING?
IF WE DON'T HURRY, THEY'LL CATCH US.
BUT WE'VE BEEN USING ALL OUR RESOURCES! AND WE'VE SUCCESSFULLY TOUCHED DOWN ON THE ACROPOLIS!
WE HAD A LITTLE INCIDENT WHERE THE TARGET FLED INTO THE ACROPOLIS—
Oh, really?
YES, MA'AM!

...WITH MY WITS, THIS IS HARDLY AN OBSTACLE ...
OH, NO, YOU'RE TOO KIND...

...THEY THINK THAT STAZ IS STILL IN THE ACROPOLIS...
APPARENTLY...
Not the tail!
...
GA (WHAM)
Hi!
Ow!! What are you doing, Roy!? Hey—ow, ow, ow, ow... Sorry, I'm really sorry... Okay, it's all my fault...
OH! YES, MA'AM, IT IS! BUT THANKS TO THAT TROUBLE ...
Someone called Akim showed up in the Palace, and it looks awful...
I SAW THE NEWS...
PERFECT...
HUH?
The target's changed.
ズル ZURU (DRAG)
ズル ZURU
Security's thin, and you were able to infiltrate, is that right?
YES, EXACT-LY!
Using the chaos to your advantage, that's a splendid strategy..... Now—
Er...this is... so sudden... Huh? But we're already in the Acropolis...
THAT'S GOOD.
YOU NO LONGER NEED TO HUNT STAZ.

Papradon Akim.....
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OOOO (OOOOM)
Your new target is the one causing such a disturbance there.
...YOUR ARM, TO START?
MIGHT I TRY ON...
EEP ...
BOTO (PLOP)
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ト
Of course... you will receive a higher fee...
BUCHA! (SPLTCH!)
AAAUGH!

TO USE ALL MY MAGIC TO ITS FULLEST ...

...I'VE GOT TO HAVE HIGHER QUALITY PARTS...

NOT ENOUGH ...

How about ten times the fee for Staz?

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How about ten times the fee for Staz?

NOT ENOUGH ...
DO

TO USE ALL MY MAGIC TO ITS FULLEST ...

...I'VE GOT TO HAVE HIGHER QUALITY PARTS...

♠ To Be Continued ♠

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Wolfboy
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BLOOD LAD

BLOODLAD

CHAPTER 48 ♠
WHY EVEN THE MANGA WORLD ISN'T THAT EASY

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ARE YOU DONE WITH THE NEXT VOLUME YET, OFFICER BEROS?
.....
JUST A MINUTE, SIR.
...
I WANT TO READ IT FOR MYSELF!
WELL, YOU REALLY WANTED TO KNOW, CAPTAIN, SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD JUST TELL YOU.
HEY, WOLF...
NOOO! DON'T TELL ME!!
...THEY FINALLY FIND OUT WHO THAT MYSTERIOUS FIGURE IS... AND IT'S...
THIS IS A GOOD PART...
...FROM THAT THING THREE YEARS AGO...
I TOLD YOU NOT TO TELL ME!!

...THE HELL?
HELLO?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT STRATEGY MEETING...?
YOU ALL PILED ON IN HERE, BUT NOW YOU'RE JUST SITTING AROUND READING MANGA!
WHAT'S EVERYONE DOING?
GO (RUMBLE)
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT...
THE BASTARD... BETRAYED THEM...
HE WAS PLAYIN' THEM, PRETENDIN' TO BE THEIR FRIEND...
EH?
ROTTEN SON OF A.....
BAN (BAM)
ZU (ZMM)
ZU
ZU
COME BACK TO REALITY AND TALK TO ME, OKAY?
UH... WOLF...
WHA ...?
THAT STUFF'S NOT REAL, DUDE...
HE WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS...

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BY THE WAY...ABOUT THAT THING WITH THE ERRAND BOY...

HE WAS SAYIN' HE SENT SOMEONE WHO COULD USE TELEPORTATION MAGIC...
YEAH... THAT... SO WOLF DADDY...
HM?
HUH? IT WASN'T YOU, BELL-CHAN?
.....
SORRY I DIDN'T TELL YOU, BUT IT WAS TOP SECRET...
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT... THAT'D BE MY MAGIC.

HE WAS AN ERRAND BOY, AND HE WAS SUPPOSED TO GO PICK UP KATY IN THE HUMAN WORLD.
HIS NAME WAS PANTOMIME.
BUT...
...HIGH-LEVEL MAGIC LIKE THE BLACK CURTAIN CAN'T BE COPIED THAT EASILY... WHICH MEANT—
JUST BY MOMENTARILY TOUCHING HIS TARGET— BY SHAKING HANDS, FOR INSTANCE...
...HE HAD THE POWER TO COPY THAT PERSON'S ABILITIES.
.....
...RIGHT.
A PLACE WHERE A CURTAIN WAS USED IS MORE STRONGLY CONNECTED TO THE HUMAN WORLD...
TO LEARN IT, HE HAD TO GO TO A PLACE...
...WHERE IT WAS CONJURED BEFORE...

AND WEIRDLY ENOUGH, THE PLACE HE PICKED...
...WAS UNDER BRAZ'S OBSERVATION.
IN STAZ'S TERRITORY...

...AND CONNECTED TO THE YANAGI HOME.

...YOU CONJURED THE CURTAIN FOURTEEN YEARS AGO.
IT WAS THE SAME PLACE WHERE...

BUT IF PANTOMIME HADN'T BROUGHT OUT THE CURTAIN THERE...
SURE, IT WAS A COINCI-DENCE...
IF I HADN'T SHOWN HIM MY MAGIC..... WELL, NO, IN THE FIRST PLACE—
IF THERE HADN'T BEEN A SITUATION REQUIRING KATY'S POWERS...?
IF WOLF DADDY HADN'T TAKEN HIM ON AS AN ERRAND BOY...?
IF...THEY'D BEEN ABLE TO PUT AN END TO GRIMM TEN YEARS AGO...?

ZA STEP)
ALL THIS NEVER WOULD'VE HAPPENED... BUT THERE'S NO END TO THE WHAT-IFS.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?
THE KING'S ERRAND BOY...?
HAVE I BEEN SPOTTED?
.....OH, DEAR.

THAT IS A PROBLEM ...
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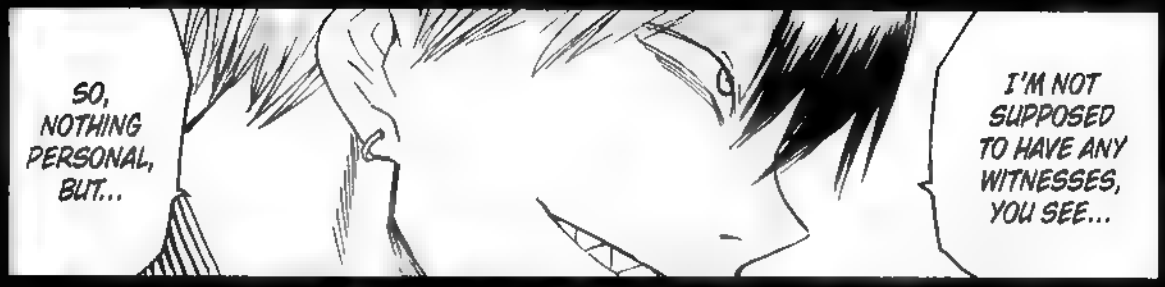
I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE ANY WITNESSES, YOU SEE...
SO, NOTHING PERSONAL, BUT...

...I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO DIE.

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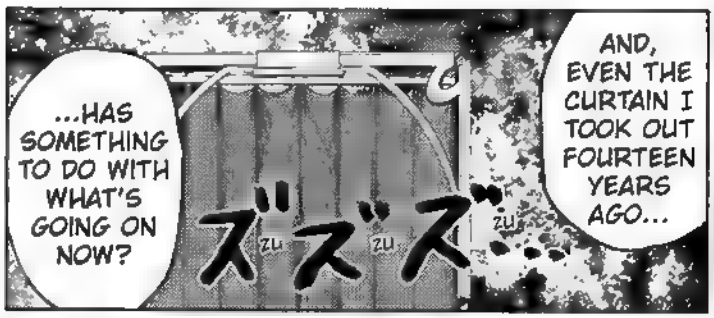
...HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH WHAT'S GOING ON NOW?
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AND, EVEN THE CURTAIN I TOOK OUT FOURTEEN YEARS AGO...

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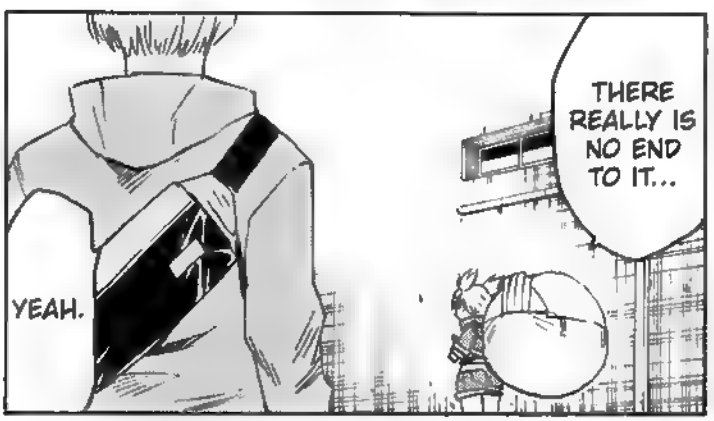
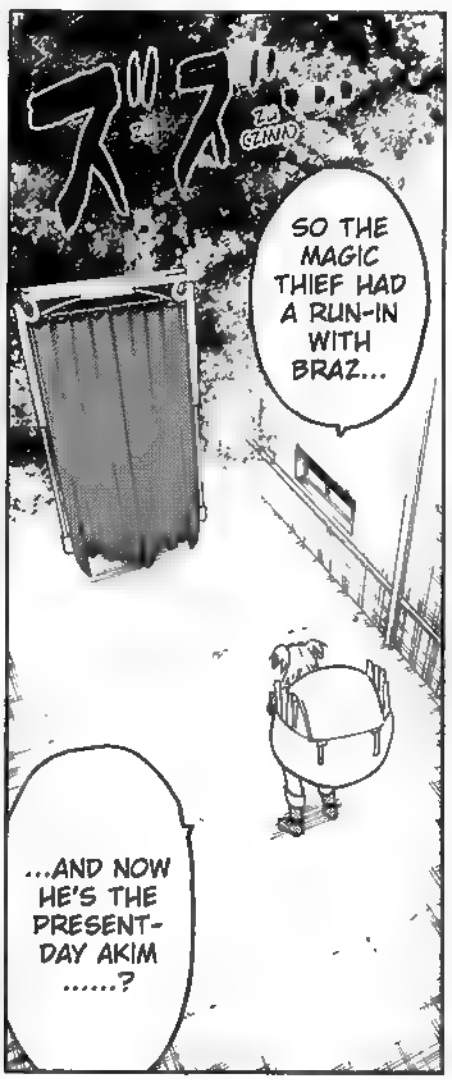
MUUN GGRRO


YEAH.
THERE REALLY IS NO END TO IT...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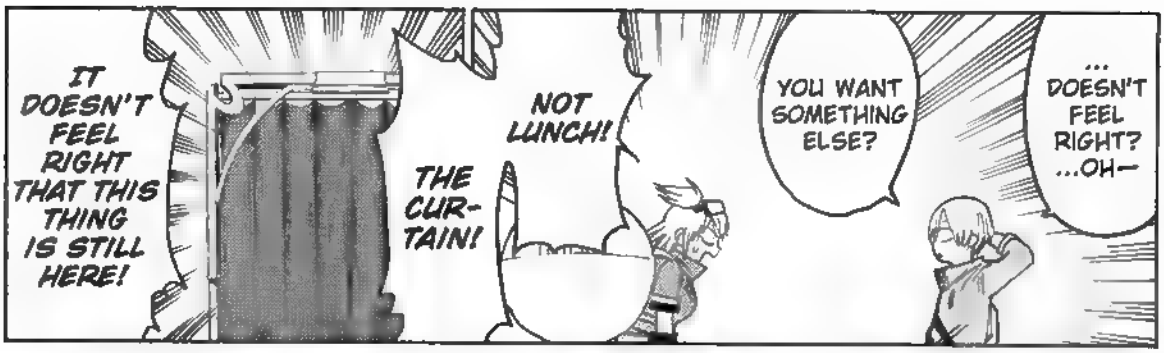
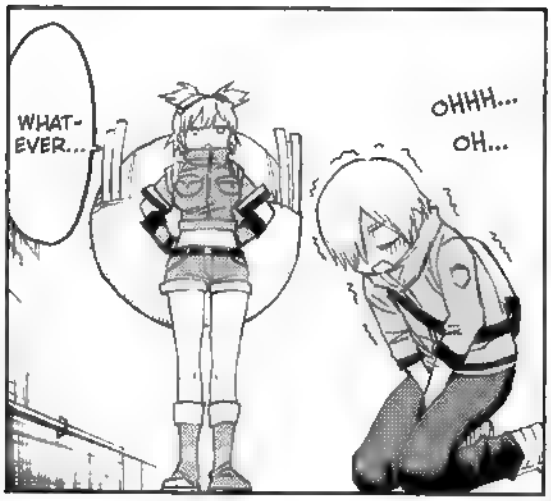
ZU GZNNA
SO THE MAGIC THIEF HAD A RUN-IN WITH BRAZ...
...AND NOW HE'S THE PRESENT-DAY AKIM .....?

KNELL ...!
AND THAT CURTAIN CAN'T BE PUT AWAY, AFTER ALL.
THINKING ABOUT THAT STUFF DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD.
SHE TOLD ME TO REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF STAZ AND HIS CREW...
JUST ANOTHER ERRAND BOY...WELL, MOM'S...
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
YOU SHOULD FORGET ABOUT THE CURTAIN FOR A MINUTE TOO. LET'S GO HAVE SOME RAMEN.
THEY'RE NOT DOING MUCH RIGHT NOW...
.....
WELL.
WHAT-EVER.
.....
...IT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT...

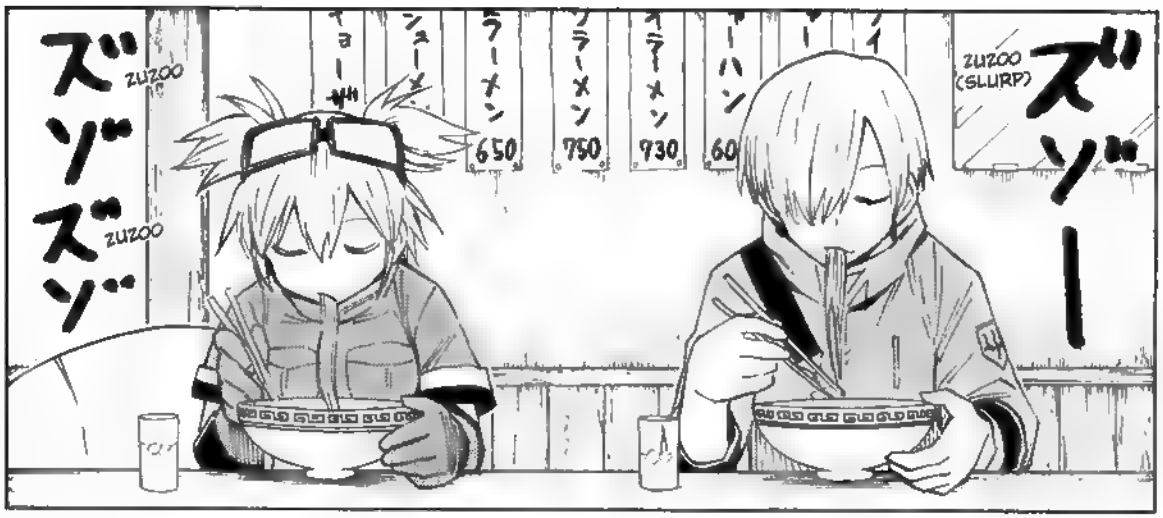


HE JUST SNAPPED UP THE MAGIC FROM ME AND PAPA, AND ON TOP OF THAT, HE LEFT IT OUT HERE IN THE OPEN LIKE THIS...
...DOESN'T EVEN REMEMBER TAKING IT OUT...
AKIM PROBA-BLY.....
.....

SIGN: KEEP OUT



SIGN: ENTRANCE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE TERRITORY BOSS IS PUNISHABLE BY IMMEDIATE DEATH!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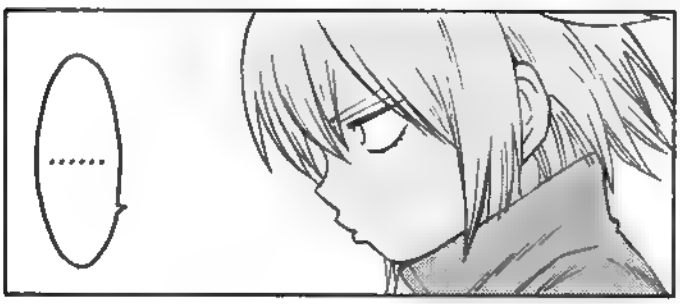
ZUZOO (SLURP)

YOU'RE NOT SERIOUSLY GONNA FIGHT THAT AKIM GUY ALONG WITH ALL OF THEM, ARE YOU?
WHA?
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO NOW, SIS?

SO?

HERE, THAT FICTION IS REALITY.

.....
WELL, I CAN'T EVEN TELL IF THEY REALLY MEAN TO FIGHT HIM.....
JUST READING MANGA WITHOUT A CARE IN THE WORLD.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GAAAAAH!
GORO
GORO (ROLL)
NN...
I WONDER .....
I'M TRYIN' TO REMEMBER! THE THING, IN THAT ONE MANGA!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'VE BEEN...
UM, STAZ-SAN.
GUNE (WRITHE)
GUNE
AAH!
KA (SKRIT)
KA
THAT'S IT!
GABA (JUMP)
HAH!

.....
GOT IT!
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING HERE, STAZ?
WE'LL HOLD THE STRATEGY MEETING WITH THESE MATERIALS FOR REFERENCE ...!
SO I STARTED NARROWING DOWN WHAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT.
UNLIKE THE REST OF YOU, I'VE READ EVERYTHING IN THIS LIBRARY.

I WANT TO HEAR EVERYONE ELSE'S PERSPECTIVE TOO...
BUT WE CAN'T JUST GO WITH ONLY MY OPINIONS.
PARA
PARA (FLIP)
I DON'T WANNA FIGHT AKIM...
AND I'M NOT GONNA TRY TO BEAT HIM WITH THE WISDOM OF MANGA...
BUT HE'S REALLY DETERMINED TO...
WHAT... I CAN'T READ A LITTLE MANGA?
...HUH...? SIS, IS THAT...
NO...I MEAN, YOU CAN BUT... NOW...?
YUP.

...THE HINT WE NEED TO BEAT AKIM AND EVEN THINGS UP WITH MY BROTHER.
WITH THESE, WE'LL DEFINITELY FIND...
...WANTED TO SEE WHAT THIS MANGA STUFF IS LIKE, THAT'S ALL.
.....I JUST...
YEAH, I CAN SEE THAT...
I'M NOT READING IT SO I CAN HELP THEM!
レモネードボーイ
D-DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA...!
UH-HUHH...

MANGA: LEMONADE BOY

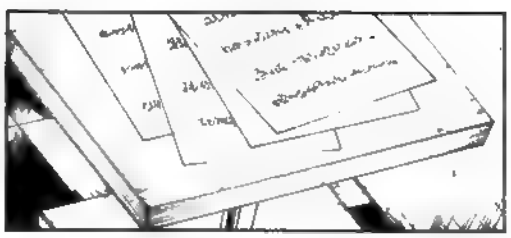
MAYBE THEIR PLAN WILL WORK.
NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT.
WELL.
'COS THAT'S A LOVE STORY.
...THEN YOU'LL FEEL BETTER?
AND AFTER THEY DEFEAT AKIM AND THE CURTAIN THAT'S BOTHERING YOU DISAPPEARS...
NI (GRIND)
SIGN: CAFÉ THIRD EYE
サードアイ
SIGN: RAMEN
JUST SHUT UP!! WHY D'YOU HAVE TO BE SO ANNOYING!!?
'SCUSE ME, GUYS!! IF YOU'RE GONNA FIGHT CAN YOU TAKE IT OUTSIDE!?
WHAT WAS THAT FOR!?
DOGA (WHACK)
WE CAN WATCH OVER THEM TOGETH...
ラーメン
HEY, OW!!!
BOKA (BAP)
DOODLE: SHOP OWNER
I FINISHED IT.
OHHH, MAN.

BUT I'M STILL BLOWN AWAY BY HOW GREAT IT WAS!
WELL, KEEP IT TO YOUR-SELF!
IF YOU'RE DONE, READ SOME-THING ELSE!
GAH! I'M READING IT RIGHT NOW!
CAPTAIN, YOU GOTTA HEAR WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END!
OOH, I WANNA TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED.
JI! (STAARE)
NAH.
.....
IS...
...THAT ONE ANY GOOD?
YOU SOUND PRETTY INTO IT...
I'M JUST READING IT 'COS I WANNA SEE SOMEBODY BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF HIM.
THIS TERRIBLE GUY SHOWED UP, AND HE'S SO ANNOYING TO LOOK AT...

.....
RIGHT?
.....YOU DIDN'T LIE, WOLF... THIS DUDE IS GARBAGE.
GUESS I'LL GIVE IT A TRY.
.....
—ARE YOU LISTENING? OFFICER BEROS?
I NEVER THOUGHT HE WOULD ...
YES... THAT WAS QUITE AN ENDING...
PHEW ...
PATAN (FWAP)
DOZAA (POOUR)
HOLD ON A MINUTE, CAPTAIN...
I'M AT A GOOD PART...
.....

IT'S SO CUTE!
AH HA HA!

WHY ARE YOU WHISPERING .....?
HUH? YOU'RE DONE?
YES ...
SUU (ZZZ)



STAZ-SAN.

N-NOT AT ALL... I LIKE SPENDING TIME WITH HER.
THANKS... FOR TAKING CARE OF HER.
.....OH...
SHE'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT TOO. I GUESS SHE'S TIRED...
O... OKAY.
YOU SHOULD TAKE A BREAK TOO.
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FUAA (YAWN)
WELL, GUESS I'LL GET SOME SHUT-EYE MYSELF...
HEY, WHAT'S WITH THAT? LIKE YOU MADE YOURSELF SIT DOWN BECAUSE YOU WERE TOLD?
OH- NOTH- ING...
.....
ちょこん
CHOKON (PLOP)
ACK!
ドサッ
DOSA (WHUMP)
UH... HEY—
JUST COME OVER HERE AND LIE DOWN.

.....
スカー
SUKAA
(SNORE)
ドキ
DOKI
ドキ
DOKI
(BADMP)
HE...HE'S ALREADY ASLEEP...
.....
STAZ-SAN...?
... UMM ...?

BA (FWIP)
ゴっ GO (GLU)
くん… KUN (LE)
WHAT'S IT BEEN LIKE AT THE PALACE?
SO...

SO...
HERE. GOT YA SOME NEW CLOTHES, AND NEYN-CHAN MADE YOU A SANDWICH.
OH, THANKS.
I ♥ NEYN
ネイン♡
...BRAZ IS DOING HIS THING.
AKIM'S HAVING HIM MAKE SOMETHING.
KACHA (CLICK) カチャ
BUT LEAVING THAT ASIDE ...
DUNNO ...
SOMETHING NO GOOD, THAT'S FOR SURE...
SOMETHING... LIKE WHAT?
!
LOOK AT THIS ...
PA (CLICK)

THEY CAN'T BE...
WAIT, NO WAY...
AND OBVIOUSLY, THEY'RE ALREADY DEAD...
YEAH... THEY'RE THE CROWD WHO SAW THE NEWS AND WENT TO CHALLENGE AKIM...
PA-HI BLINK
...IS MASS-PRODUCING AN ARMY FOR ITSELF...
DOKU
DOKUN
LOOKS LIKE NOW THAT IT'S GOT UNLIMITED MAGIC, THAT FLESH-CONTROLLING SPIRIT...
DOKUN (BADMP)

ドクン

BADMP

NICE TO MEET YOU! ♡

ドクーン...

DOKUN

BIT BY BIT.....

I'M YOUR NEW PAPA!

ZU

ZU

ZU

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CZMMD

HELLO! ☆

ZU
ZU
CZMM
HELLO!
☆

I'M YOUR NEW PAPA!
ZU
ZU
NICE TO MEET YOU! ♡
DOKUN (BADMP)
DOKUN
BIT BY BIT.....

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OOOO
(OOOOM)
...AMID THE RUBBLE...
...HE'S CROWNING HIMSELF KING OF THE DEAD.

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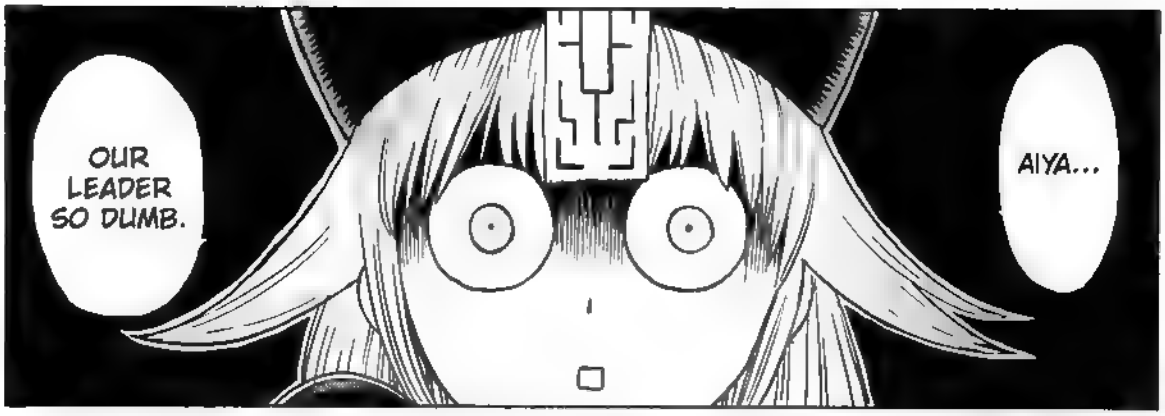
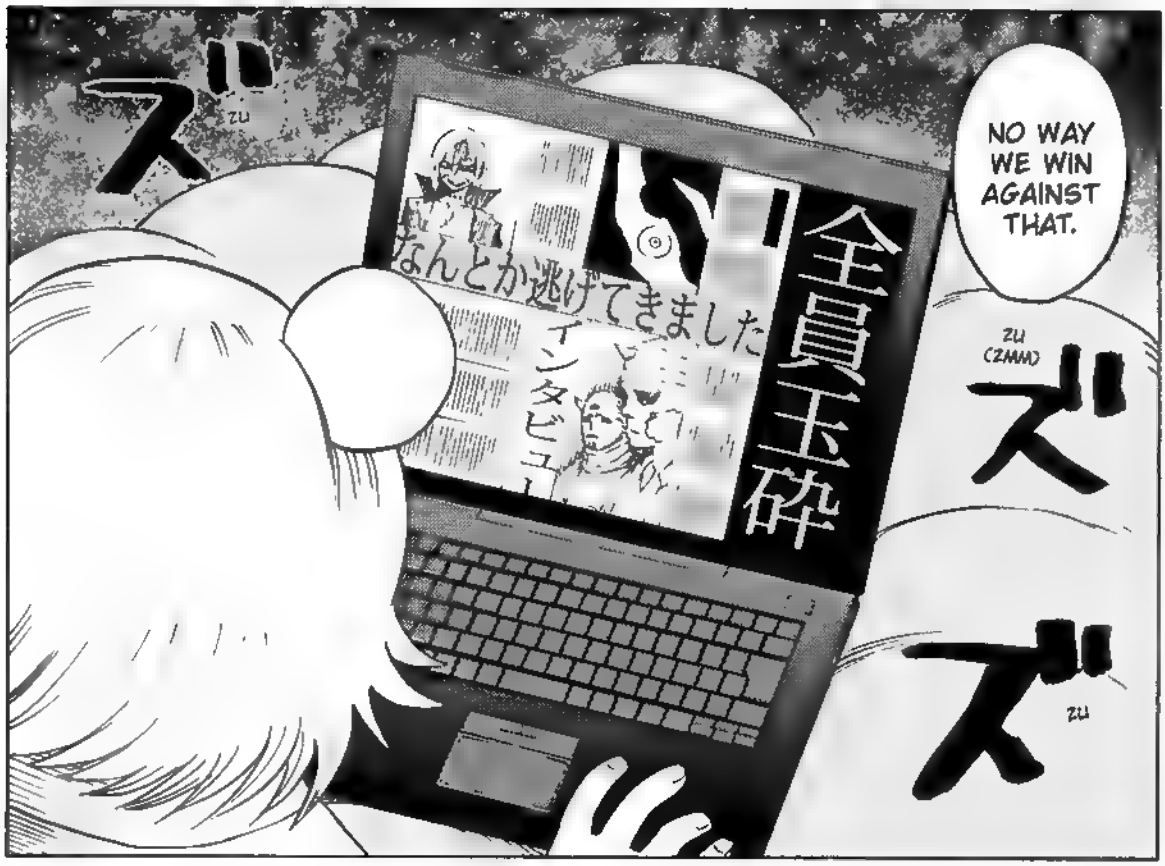
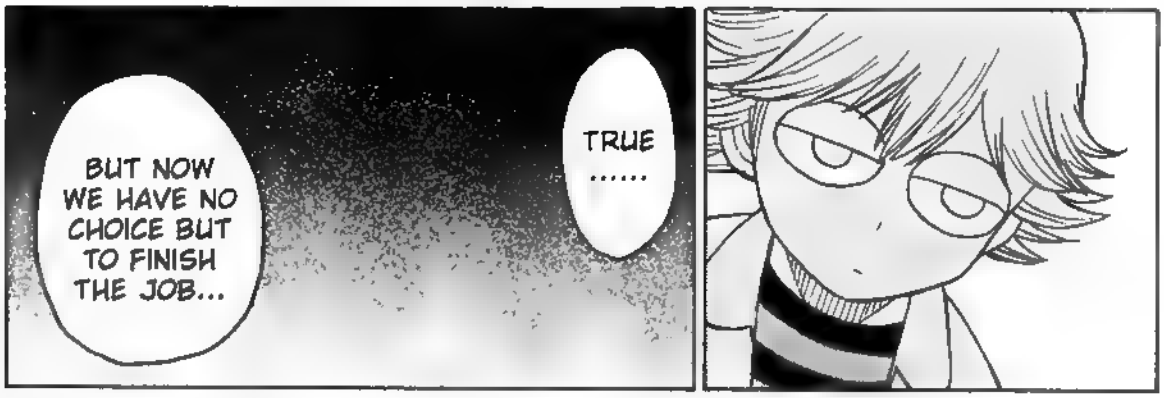
ヨシ

ARE YOU ABLE TO SEE?
MY TURN.
LEADER GET DOWN NOW.
WHAT IS THAT...?
REALLY...
SINCE YOU WENT AHEAD AND AGREED TO THE TARGET CHANGE...
...THE EXPENSES WE INCURRED CHASING STAZ PUT US WAY IN THE RED...
HE LOOKED PRETTY FORMIDABLE JUST NOW, BUT HE'S NO MATCH FOR US!
ヒョコ
HYOKO (POP)
IF WE CAN GET THIS GUY, THAT DEBT IS POCKET CHANGE!
YOU BE QUIET!
スタ
SUTA (TMP)
YOU DO REALIZE THAT, LEADER?



SCREEN: ANNIHILATION! "BARELY MADE IT BACK ALIVE" INTERVIEW





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TELE-
PORT
Hydrabell
MP
26900
organ

BLOOD LAD

BASHA
BASHA (SPLASH)
JAA (SHAA)
KYU (WIPE)
SIGH...
ABOUT THAT TIME?
!
TIME FOR YOUR BLOOD BANK WITH-DRAWAL.
CHAPTER 49 ♠
BLOOD BANK ☆ HEART-POUNDING EMOTION

I'M KIND OF..... SCARED...
I MEAN... IF I KEEP WANTING IT MORE AND MORE...
I TOLD YOU TO JUST TELL ME IF YOU WANT A DRINK.
...YOU WERE AWAKE?
.....
...GO AND BITE YOUR NECK...
I'M AFRAID THAT ONE DAY...I'LL JUST...
IT'S FINE. C'MERE.
GA (GRAB)
HERE.
N..... NO, I CAN'T...
WHA..... S...STAZ-SAN.....?
WELL, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT .....
HUH?

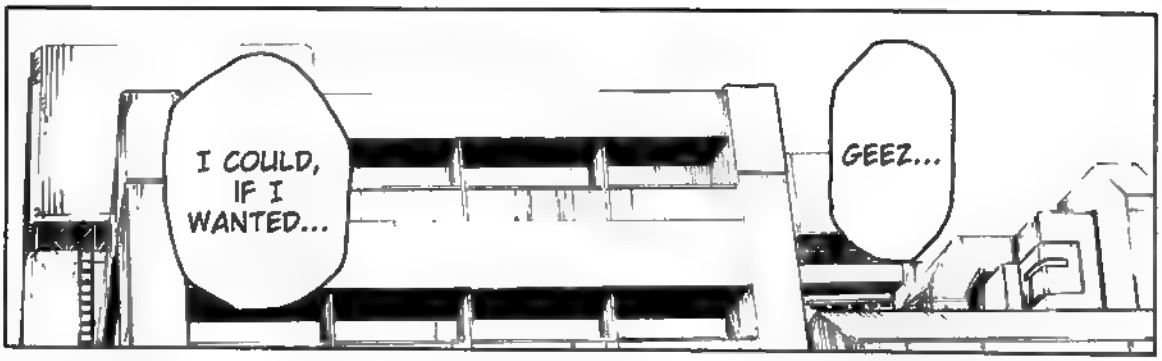
BLOOD★LAD
CHAPTER 49 ♠
BLOOD BANK ☆ HEART-
POUNDING EMOTION

ACTU-
ALLY...
WELL, THIS HEROINE JUST SEEMS SO HELPLESS...
REALLY? YOU MADE FUN OF ME FOR READING IT, AND NOW YOU'RE WAY MORE INTO IT THAN I WAS...

MANGA: LEMONADE BOY

.....
BUT, YOU KNOW ...
GU (SHAKE)
HE'S NOT GOING TO NOTICE THAT WAY.
...BUT YOU'RE JUST GAZING FROM AFAR.
YOU HAVE THE POWER TO JUMP INTO ANY PLACE YOU WANT...
.....!
KAAAA (BLUUSH)
RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT'S SO CUTE ABOUT YOU, SIS.....
SEE, YOU EXPRESS YOURSELF JUST FINE.
AH HA HA!
TO (TMP)
YOU TWERP! WHO SAID YOU COULD DODGE IT!?
WHOA!
BUN (SWING)
ZURU (SLIP)
IF YOU JUST SHOW MORE OF THAT SIDE TO.....

.....
!!
GA
(WHAM)


I COULD, IF I WANTED...
GEEZ...

GU
(GRAB)

.....
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HAGU
HAGU (CHOMP)
はぐ
はむ
HAMU (GNAW)

SO THERE'S NOTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT.

SEE?
YOU CAN'T EVEN BREAK THE SKIN ON MY NECK WITH YOUR TEETH.

BUT...BUT I...I STILL NEED IT, STAZ-SAN...

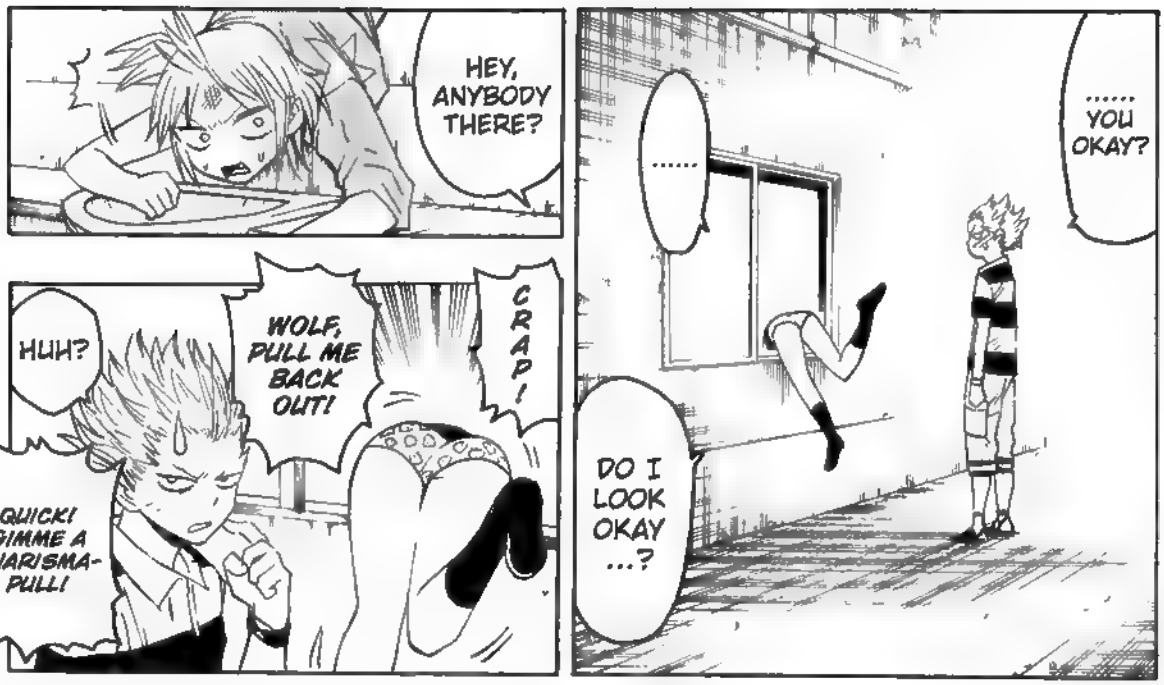
PLEASE, DON'T TEASE ME, JUST...
SURE.
I-I CAN'T HOLD BACK ANY-MORE...
I WANT...
...YOUR...
SAA (DOOM)
.....!
LET'S GO BACK TO BED.
BUT WE CAN'T DO IT IN HERE.

WE WERE JUST ...
THIS ISN'T WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!
TH—
?
WHAT, NOW YOU DON'T WANT IT?
EEK!
BITAAN (SPLAT)
スゥ…
SUU (FADE)
WAIT! BELL-SA...
OH NO!
FU (VANISH)
.....
WHAT'RE YOU DOING .....?
...OW.

OKAY, BELL, CALM DOWN...
THAT WAS JUST... RIGHT, THAT THING...
DOKUN (BADMP)
ドックンドックン
DOKUN
THE THING THAT THEY HAVE TO DO WHEN FUYUMIN'S ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR ...YEAH...
SHE WANTS HIS BLOOD, THAT'S ALL.. RIGHT... YEAH... YEAH.
ZURU (SLUMP)
ズルッ
OR FUYUMIN WAS, LIKE, CLINGING TO HIM...?
HUH?
THAT'S HOW THEY ARE ALREADY ...?
BUT THEN... WHY...
...WHY WERE THEY HOLDING EACH OTHER LIKE THAT...?
WE WERE...
... JUST ...!
THIS ISN'T WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!

パッ
PA (POP)
DOKI
ドキ
DOKI (BADMP)
ドキ
.....
J... JUST ONE MORE LOOK ...
I'LL JUST ...
...PEEK FOR A SECOND ...
ドキドキ
DOKKIIN (BABUMP)
WHATCHA DOIN', MARSH-MALLOW?
.....
ガチャーン
GACHAAN (SMAASH)
GYAAA AAAH!

WHAT WAS THAT?
チュポン
CHUPON (POP)
BELL-SAN ...?
デーン
DEEN (TA-DA)


HEY, ANYBODY THERE?
.....
YOU OKAY?
DO I LOOK OKAY ...?
CRAP!
WOLF, PULL ME BACK OUT!
HUH?
QUICK! GIMME A CHARISMA-PULL!

HEY... WAIT! DUMB-ASS! NOT...
?
NOT THERE!
MY LEG...
...OR MY BELT, OR...
ANY-WHERE! I DON'T CARE!
...I MEAN, YOU SAY THAT, BUT...WHERE AM I S'POSED TO GRAB HOLD OF YOU?

WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING...
.....

PEROON (DANGLE)
UH... THIS ...
... ISN'T ...
SIS .....
IT'S AN ACCI-DENT ...!!
THIS... FEELS LIKE MY FAULT.....
HEEEY! WAIT! DON'T! DON'T DO THE "I DIDN'T SEE THIS" THING!!
KURU (FWIP)
.....
THAT'S NOT WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!!
IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!

ガパッ
GAPA (OPEN)
I WAS EGGING YOU ON...
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANY-THING!?
ER...
...AND NOW THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY TO FIX IT...
...WHY DO THEY GOTTA DO STUFF LIKE THAT IN MY HOUSE...
SERI-OUSLY ...
HERE.
HAVE SOME JUICE.
OH... THANK YOU...
WHEW...
B...BUT... ABOUT BELL-SAN...

DOSA (WHUMP)
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
HUH?
HM? YEAH ...
GUESS SHE'S PRETTY FRIENDLY WITH WOLF.
SHE WAS PROBABLY JUST TRYIN' TO MESS WITH ME AGAIN.
ANYWAY ...
WHY'RE YOU SITTING ON THE EDGE AGAIN?
WH... WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT...?
CHOKON (HUDDLE)
.....
... WHAT'S WITH YOU?
I LIKE SITTING HERE...
YOU... CAN SEE ME JUST FINE...

WELL... WE'RE NOT...A COUPLE OR ANYTHING ...
B... BECAUSE ...
I...I SHOULDN'T BE TOO CLINGY OR ANYTHING, RIGHT.....

...MIGHT GET THE WRONG IDEA...
SOME-ONE...

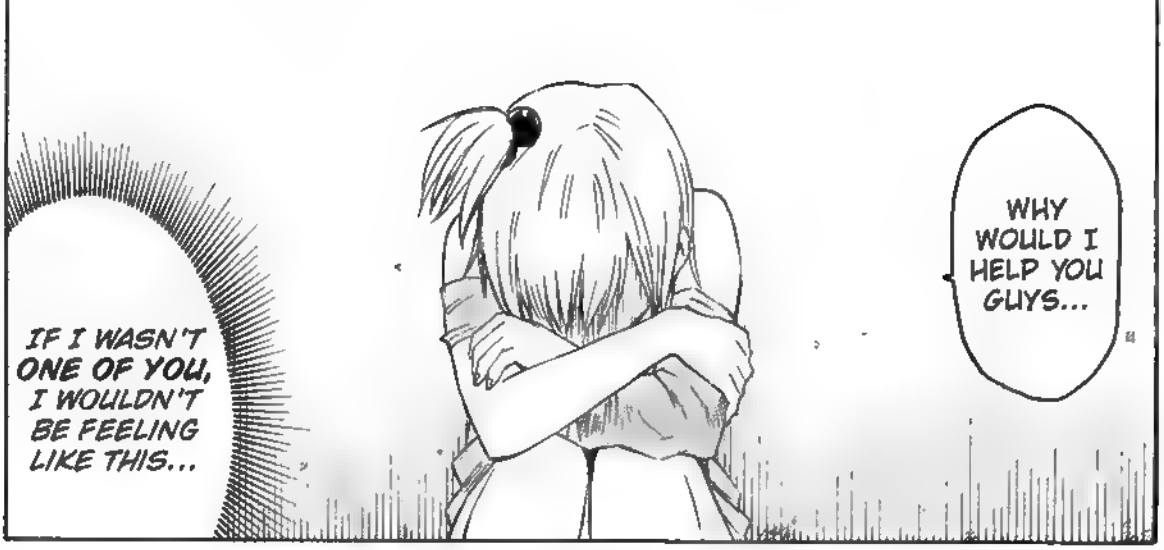
ズーン
ZUUUN (GLOOM)

UHK ...
I DON'T THINK HE'S REALLY CARES THAT MUCH.
じわっ JIWA (TEAR?)
SO DON'T GET ALL DOWN IN THE DUMPS ABOUT IT.
...BELL, I'M SORRY...I DUNNO WHAT YOU WERE TRYIN' TO DO, BUT...
.....
ズーン ZUUN (GLOOM)
ズーン ZUUN
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.....!!
.....
JUST GO AWAY.
I KNOW THAT...
YEAH... I KNOW HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ME!!
THAT'S WHAT GETS ME DOWN...!!
BUT JUST LET ME SAY THIS.
.....!
..... OKAY, I GET IT.

AND I BET STAZ AND THE OTHERS DO TOO.
I'M ALREADY COUNTIN' YOU AS ONE OF US.

AND WITH ALL THAT GOIN' ON... WE NEED YOUR HELP.
FROM HERE ON OUT...WITH AKIM AND THE KING, THE DEMON WORLD IS HEADED FOR SOME TROUBLE...

.....
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...
THOUGH I ENDED UP GETTIN' IN YOUR WAY THIS TIME.
SO IF YOU EVER NEED US, JUST SAY THE WORD.


IF I WASN'T ONE OF YOU, I WOULDN'T BE FEELING LIKE THIS...
WHY WOULD I HELP YOU GUYS...

(GGGGGG!!)
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I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE DEMON WORLD...
オオオ

-BIP-
25760
-BIP-

IS IT READY?
.....
-BIIIP-

YES ...
PI (RIP)
ピッ
THERE ARE LIMITS TO THE VALUES IT CAN MEASURE...
THE TOY I ASKED FOR...
HMM... I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT...
ヴィーン
VUUN (HUMM)
25760
organ
...BUT IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT I WAS ABLE TO MAXIMIZE PERFORMANCE FOR SOMETHING THIS SIZE.
WITH THE *CURRENT* ME, FOR NOW...
...LET'S TRY IT OUT RIGHT AWAY...

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I'M LIKING IT, AESTHETI-CALLY.
ooo (OOOM)
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...QUITE THE MAKEOVER YOU'VE GIVEN YOURSELF...
THAT IS...
LIKE THIS?
PITO (STICK)
.....
YES... NOW, LET'S GET A READING.
WELL, FIRST I'D LIKE TO EXAMINE THE SUM OF YOUR PARTS.
PI (BIP)
.....
BY THE WAY...
PUT THIS OVER WHERE YOUR HEART IS.
ORGAN?
...IS AROUND 2,000 TO 3,000 ORGAN.
...THE AVERAGE VALUE FOR A DEMON LIVING IN THE DEMON WORLD...

SO HOW MANY ORGAN ARE YOU?
I SEE... HOW NICE.
.....I AM 25,760 ORGAN.
IT'S A TERM FOR THE VALUE OF THE INTERNAL ORGANS THAT HAVE MAGIC IN THEM...
A DEMON'S "VESSEL."
AND ME?
ZU
CZMM
ZU
HOW MANY ORGAN AM I?
⇒BIIIP⇐
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IT'S ALREADY A RIDICULOUS NUMBER...
193,020 ORGAN .....
OH... THAT'S ALL...?
JUST PREPOS-TEROUS ...
A FIEND WITH NO BOUNDS ...
HM.
WELL, ANYWAY... I'LL BE USING THAT COUNTER THING...
...TO FIND REALLY TOP-NOTCH PARTS THAT CAN BRING OUT MY POWER...
GARA (SLIDE)
AND YOU'LL HELP ME TOO.....

I'D LIKE ALL THE PARTS LISTED.

THEN, LET'S TRY DIFFERENT COMBINATIONS OF THE GOOD PARTS... AND RANK THEM.

...SINCE THERE REALLY ARE A LOT...

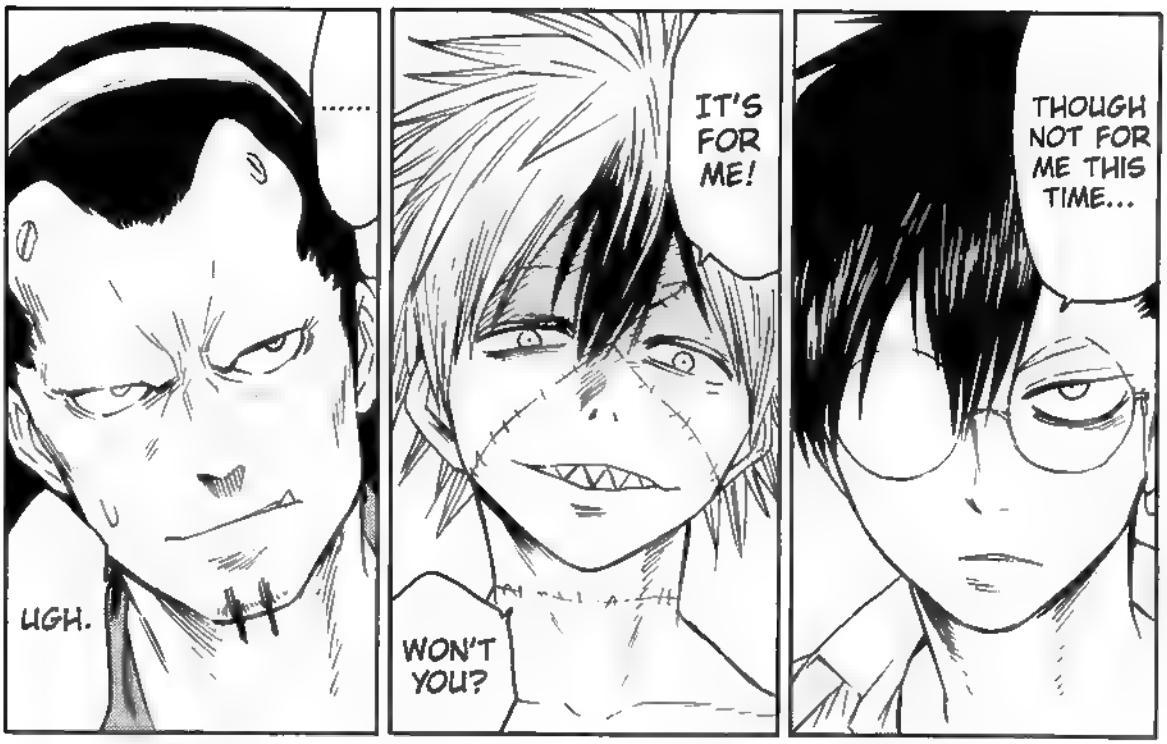
DO (DUM)
...SINCE THERE REALLY ARE A LOT...
DO

I'D LIKE ALL THE PARTS LISTED.
THEN, LET'S TRY DIFFERENT COMBINATIONS OF THE GOOD PARTS... AND RANK THEM.

BUT, IN THAT CASE...
THERE IS SOMEONE MORE SUITED TO THE JOB THAN I.
HE STILL WANTS MORE?
THIS IS INSANE.
I SEE... WHAT A GOOD IDEA.
SOMEONE YOU ALSO KNOW QUITE WELL...
?
That's why—
BORI
BORI (CRUNCH)

That's the kind of rhetoric that stops things from getting done!!
We have to think about this more realistically.
HMPH.
B·T·R
DEBATE HEAVYWEIGHTS TAKE DOWN AKIM!!
I say that we should send all of the Territory Bosses.
But then, what will happen to all the Territories with absent Bosses?
YEAH, SURE IS...
THAT'S THE DEFINITION OF A POINTLESS DEBATE, FRANKEN.
I'M THE HOT TOPIC ON EVERY CHANNEL! ☆

HEY.
GATA!
(CLATTER)
WE CAME TO GET YOU.
YOU TWO...
.....
BUT I COULD USE YOUR HELP AGAIN.
...SORRY, FRANKEN.



SIGN: CAFÉ THIRD EYE

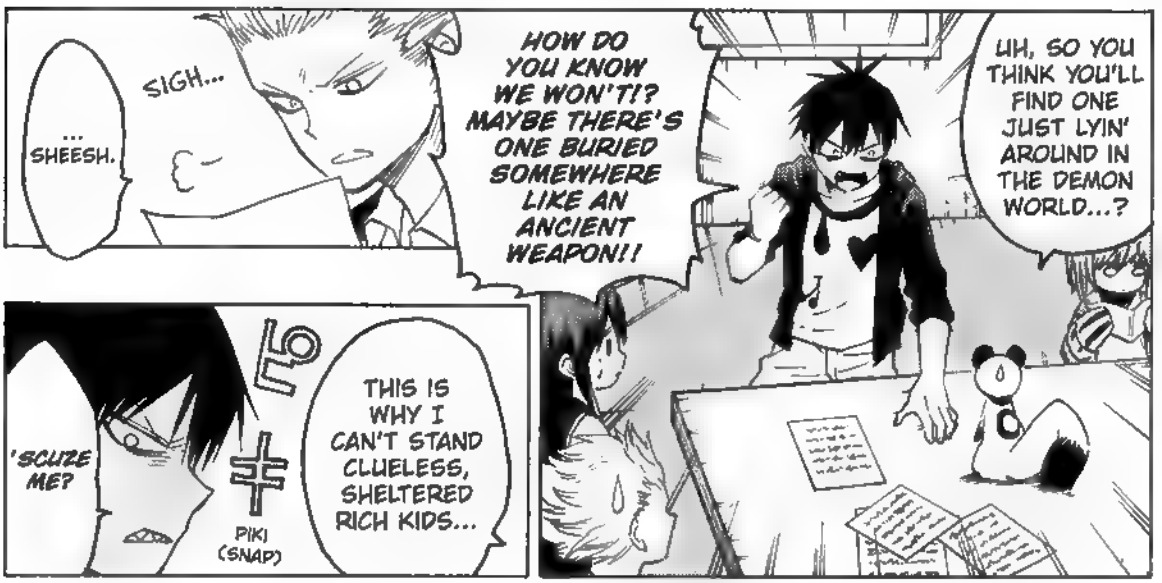
WHAT ...!?
NO! I FOUND A HINT!
.....WHAT, MORE SPOILERS?
CAPTAIN, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
WHERE!?
RIGHT HERE.
IF THIS IS SOMETHING THAT EXISTS IN THE DEMON WORLD...
...WOULDN'T AKIM BE LIKE, A TOTAL PIECE OF CAKE?

♠ To Be Continued ♠

VAMP
Liz T. Blood
MP
9700
organ

BLOOD LAD

CHAPTER 50 ♠
DEPARTURE! ASSASSIN! DEMON WORLD NORTH!


SIGH...
...SHEESH.
HOW DO YOU KNOW WE WON'T!? MAYBE THERE'S ONE BURIED SOMEWHERE LIKE AN ANCIENT WEAPON!!
UH, SO YOU THINK YOU'LL FIND ONE JUST LYIN' AROUND IN THE DEMON WORLD...?
'SCUZE ME?
PIKI (SNAP)
THIS IS WHY I CAN'T STAND CLUELESS, SHELTERED RICH KIDS...

BORROW A LITTLE BIT OF ENERGY FROM EVERYONE IN THE DEMON WORLD...?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?
HOW DOES THAT EVEN WORK?
I'M SAYIN' NONE OF THIS MAKES ANY CONCRETE SENSE!

YOU CALL US ALL TOGETHER SAYIN' YOU FOUND A BUNCH OF HINTS...
...BUT IT'S JUST ONE WACKY FANTASY AFTER ANOTHER!

OHHH, I GET IT.

READIN' ALL THAT MANGA CONVINCED ME THERE'S JUST ONE WAY.
YEAH, OBVI-OUSLY.
SO YOU'RE ABOUT TO GRACE US WITH YOUR VERY CONCRETE, VERY CONSTRUCTIVE IDEA, HUH?
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AWA
あわ
AWA (PANIC)

"TRAIN-ING."
NO WAY AROUND IT:

IN MANGA, WHEN THEY'RE GONNA FIGHT A SUPER-STRONG ENEMY...
GU (GRR)
AND CONSTRUC-TIVE.
DEFINITELY CONCRETE.
AHH, YEAH.
YOU KNOW IT?
? HUH?
OH... THAT ONE.
...THE ONE THING THEY ALWAYS DO... IS TRAINING.
PARA (FLIP)
~~~~
EXACTLY... LIKE, IT'S GREAT THAT HE TRIES SO HARD, BUT HE'S KINDA OBLIVIOUS WHEN IT COMES TO OTHER PEOPLE.
HE'S PRETTY SELF-CENTERED, ISN'T HE?
YEAH, I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN. THE MAIN CHARACTER'S KIND OF HALF-ASSED.
THE RIVAL CHARACTER IS SO COOL.
YES...MY FRIEND WAS REALLY INTO IT.
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GA (SNATCH)

DO (THUD)

SIT OVER THERE AND TAKE CARE OF LIZ.

.....

GUN (SWING)
EEK!

WH-WHAT'S GOING ON? STAZ-SAN...
SEATING CHANGE.

HEY, WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT, STAZ?
NOTH-ING.
ANYWAY, YOU TWO GOT ANY IDEAS?
Y... YES.
SURE, WE FOUND SOME-THIN'.
SOMETHIN' THAT'LL DEFINITELY WORK.
WHAT!?
GATA (CLUNK)
ER... WELL...
FOR REAL!?
TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT THAT SURE ABOUT IT...
DON'T GET YOUR EXPECTA-TIONS UP TOO HIGH.
ペラ
PERA (FLIP)
LET ME EXPLAIN, CAPTAIN.

BAN (BAM)
!?
THE ENCHANTED BASS— DEAD RESORT.

...HAVE THE POWER TO BREAK DOWN MAGIC...
WHEN IT'S PLAYED, THE NOTES... THAT IS, THE VIBRATIONS...

AKIM DOESN'T HAVE A REAL FORM—HIS BEING ITSELF IS JUST MAGIC, SO IF WE BLAST HIM WITH THIS THING...
...THEN WE CAN MAKE HIM COMPLETELY POWERLESS.
NEVER MIND MOVING, HE WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO BLINK.
AND ONCE HE'S TOTALLY DEFENSELESS, WE CRUSH HIS ENGINE. THE END.
PER-FECT, RIGHT?
.....
WHOA...
THAT IS... IF SUCH A THING...
...ACTUALLY EXISTS IN THE DEMON WORLD.

I KNOW IT'S REAL! I CAN FEEL IT, OKAY!?
THIS THING DOES EXIST IN THE DEMON WORLD!!
C'MON, CAPTAIN, WHAT'S WITH ALL THE NEGATIV-ITY!?
GATA (CLUNK)
SAYIN' THAT MAKES THE WHOLE HINT-SEARCHING THING POINTLESS!
.....
.....
SHE'S RIGHT, SPIKY.
OUR ONLY WAY FORWARD IS TO BELIEVE THAT THIS STUFF MIGHT EXIST.
MAYBE THERE'S REALLY A GIANT ROBOT, AND MAYBE THAT BASS GUITAR EXISTS.
DUDE, CAN WE JUST AGREE THERE'S NO GIANT ROBOT...?
THAT'S JUST NOT A DEMON WORLD KINDA THING...
I KNOW..... I WAS LOOKING THROUGH THE MANGA ON THAT PREMISE TOO.
AND THAT'S WHY, THERE'S NO WAY AROUND IT—
THAT BASS IS TOO GOOD TO BE REAL.

RIGHT..... AND IF IT WERE A NATURALLY OCCURRING OBJECT...
...THAT WOULD BE REMARKABLE ENOUGH, BUT A BASS GUITAR, OBVIOUSLY, WOULD HAVE TO BE SOMETHING THAT SOMEONE MADE.
URGH...
NGH!
YEAH... IF THERE REALLY WAS SOMETHIN' LIKE THIS IN THE DEMON WORLD, IT'D BE PRETTY BIG NEWS.
.....YOU'RE SAYING THAT BECAUSE YOU PLAY BASS IN YOUR BAND...
.....!!
BEING A BASS IS WHAT MAKES IT RULE SO HARD!!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
AND I DON'T EVEN SEE WHY IT HAS TO BE A BASS GUITAR.
SFX: SHAA (HISS)
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, I'M JUST GONNA GO LOOK FOR THE BASS MYSELF.
SCREW YOU GUYS.
ニヤーッ
WHA ...
H-HEY!
..... FORGET IT.

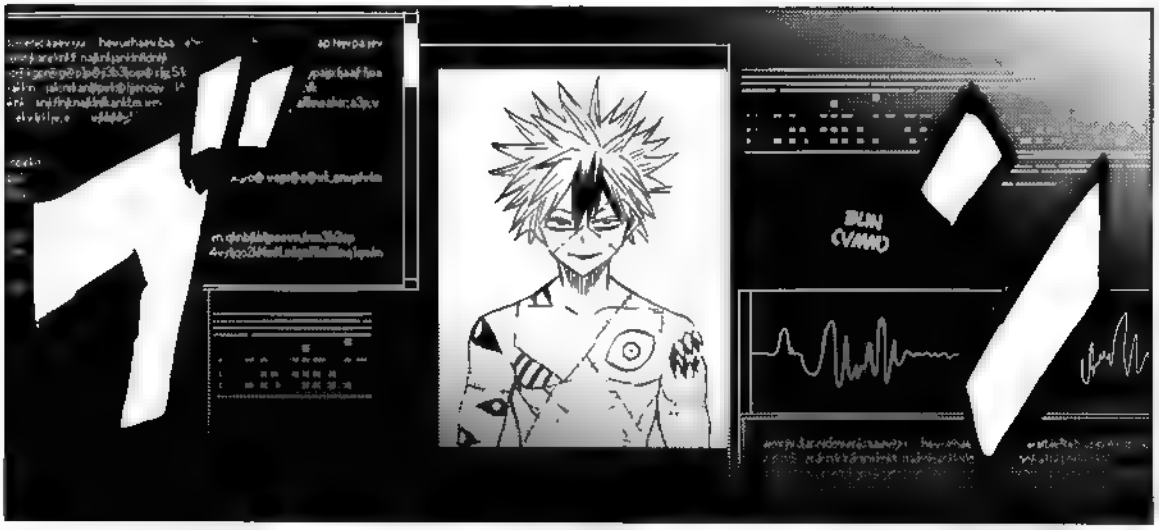
...
BEROS!?
BAN (BANG)
AND I AM GONNA FIND IT, SO THANK ME LATER, PUNKS!
...
ER... UM...
YOU JUST GONNA LET HER GO...?
HEY ...
.....
OH, MAN.
GARAN (JINGLE)
GARAN
WAIT! OFFI-CER BEROS !!
KUI (PUSH)
I'LL BE BACK SOON.

GIMME A BREAK.
I CAN THINK OF SOMEONE WHO'S WORSE THAN ME.
WHY'RE YOU SAYING THAT LOOKING AT ME?
'CAUSE YOU'RE THE WORST TEAM PLAYER, STAZ—LIKE, BY FAR.
TEAMWORK REALLY ISN'T A STRONG SUIT FOR YOU GUYS, HUH?
I'UNNO. WHY YOU ASKIN' ME?
WHAT HAP-PENED TO BELL?
HUH?
RIGHT, WOLF?
FUWA
FUWA (FLOAT)
WE WERE NOT. THAT WAS JUST...
WHY NOT? LOOKED LIKE YOU TWO WERE HAVIN' A GOOD TIME TOGETHER YESTERDAY.

KA (SKTCHD
KA
KA
STAZ!!
!
IT'S BROTH-ERI!
オオオオオオ
BRAZ.
.....

YEAH, I'M SUBMITTING TODAY'S QUOTA...
GOOD .....
SORRY... YOU'RE DONE?
... YES.
HEY, BRAZ.

AND OUR *REAL* JOB WILL BE...
KACHA (CLICK)
WE'LL BUY ALL THE TIME WE CAN BY WORKING NOT TOO FAST, BUT NOT TOO SLOW.....
KATA (TAP)
KATA
WE'LL CONTINUE LIKE THIS WITH OUR TASKS— ON THE SURFACE.


RUN (VMM)

DO
DO
DO
(DUM)

DO
DO
DO

...TO COLLECT DATA ON THAT ABOMINATION...
...AND METICULOUSLY FORM A PLAN TO FINISH HIM...
I MUST SAY...
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OOO OOOH!!
MY ADORABLE CHILDREN, ENDOWED WITH GRIMM'S MAGIC...
...YOU DID COME OUT LOOKING PRETTY NICE!

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(PI
(BIIP)

KELLY HAS AN ESTIMATED MAGIC VALUE OF 57,000 ORGAN.

...AND BURGUNDY.

KELLY...

NO

PI

AND BURGUNDY, 54,000 ORGAN.

KELLY
...

(PI (BIP)
KELLY HAS AN ESTIMATED MAGIC VALUE OF 57,000 ORGAN.

PI
AND BURGUNDY, 54,000 ORGAN.

...AND BURGUNDY.

.....
SO THAT'S IT...!
BRAZ... DID YOU MAKE THEM...?
OF COURSE NOT.
..... WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY ...?
...HE HAS AN INFINITE POWER SOURCE NOW.
HE DOESN'T NEED US ANYMORE TO CREATE ARTIFICIAL DEMONS.....
...AS EASILY AS HE MOVES HIS OWN LIMBS.....
IF HE CAN MANIPULATE THE CORPSES...
IT'S RESUR-RECTION.
YES...
THAT MEANS HE CAN ALSO MAKE THOSE STOPPED HEARTS BEAT AGAIN AND PUMP MAGICAL ESSENCE BACK INTO THEIR BRAINS...

...
CONTROLLED UNDER THE SAME MAGIC SOURCE.
USING ONLY THE BEST PARTS, HE GIVES THEM LIFE AS NEW DEMONS...
HOW ABOUT A LITTLE GAME WITH PAPA?
THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE.

(VOOM)
NICE!

DO
DO
DO
DO
(BOOM)

JUST BEAU-TIFUL!
KISHI (CRICK)

...NOT ENOUGH.
DOOO (BOOM)
BUT STILL ...

PASHI (CATCH)

TCH.
ZUDA (SHOOM)
GOTO (CLUNK)

YEAH.
AH HA HA!
THIS GAME'S NO FUN.
WE CAN'T WIN.
I TOOK A HEAD AND AN ARM, SO...
...I WIN. ☆
DON'T WORRY... THIS ONE WILL DEFINITELY BE FUN.
EHH...
THEN WHY DON'T WE PLAY SOMETHING ELSE?

TERRITORY...? WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
SOUNDS LIKE FUN.
NII (GRIND
THE GAME'S CALLED TERRITORY BREACH!

...YOU TWO GO DOWN TO THE DEMON WORLD AND FIND THE ONE IN EACH AREA CALLED THE TERRITORY BOSS...
THE RULES ARE SIMPLE...

AND THEN... WHAT WAS IT AGAIN, KELLY?

KILL THEM AND BRING THEM BACK.
WHOEVER BRINGS BACK BETTER PARTS IS THE WINNER, BURGUNDY.

...WHOEVER KILLS THE STRONGER ONES WINS, THEN, RIGHT?
WHICH MEANS ...

GOO (RUMBLE)

THAT'S ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT.
シュタ…
SHUTA (SHOOM)
ドオォン
DOOON (BOOOM)
SOUNDS LIKE FUUUN
ガラガラ
(GARARA (CLATTER)
READY, SET, GO! ☆
WELL, THEN...

.....I GUESS..... IT'S...
...A MAP?
.....
HRMMM
.....
WELL, YOU SAY THAT, BUT WHERE EXACTLY ...?
I'LL GO THERE, STAZ!
...ALL I CAN TELL IS HE REALLY SUCKS AT DRAWING.
DUNNO ...
WHAT'S YOUR BROTHER TRYIN' TO TELL US WITH THIS?

WE'LL NEVER FIND OUT JUST SITTIN' ON OUR BUTTS.
AND HE MIGHT BE THERE RIGHT NOW!
YEAH ...
.....
AND MINI-BROTHER ISN'T BEING MUCH HELP AFTER DRAWING THIS...
RIGHT.
WELL, WHATEVER, I GUESS WE HAVE TO TRY AND GO...
EVEN IF THERE'S NO GIANT ROBOT, WE MIGHT FIND SOMETHING ELSE FROM THIS LIST ON THE WAY.
IT'S BETTER TO HAVE A GOAL.
NO, IT'S NOT!
OR MAYBE THE GIANT ROBOT'S THERE...
.....I WAS KIDDING.
...
RIGHT NOW THE IMPORTANT THING IS WE GET GOING.

FINE.
GORON (ROLL)
ゴロン
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GOING SOME-WHERE.
YOU SURE YOU DON'T CARE, SIS?
GO 'WAY.
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA STAY SULKING LIKE THAT ...?
I HATE BEING USED MORE THAN ANYTHING!
I WILL NOT BE OKAY!
THEN YOU'LL BE OKAY.
ARGH!
SHUT UP ALREADY!
TSUN (POKE)
TSUN
TSUN
BUT YOU'RE THE ONE LYING HERE BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANNA BE LEFT ALONE, RIGHT?
C'MON, JUST GO AND SHOW UP LIKE USUAL WITH YOUR "SHAZAM!"
IF YOU WANNA HELP THEM SO BAD, WHY DON'T YOU GO YOURSELF!?

SIGN: CAFÉ THIRD EYE
EVERYBODY GET READY AND THEN MEET BACK HERE.
SO, BASED ON THIS MAP, FIRST WE'RE GONNA HEAD NORTH.
OKAY ...
RIGHT.
YOU GOT IT.
YOU TELL THOSE COPS WHEN THEY MAKE IT BACK HERE.
ZARI (CRUNCH)
HEY... DO YOU STILL HAVE BELL'S BELL?
OH...YES! SHOULD I TRY RINGING IT?
OH... YEAH. WHERE IS SHE .....?
BUT, BELL-SAN...
UH-UM...
!
THAT WON'T BE NEC-ESSARY.

YOU ...
EEK!
GABA (SNATCH)
R...
RELAX... I'M NOT GOING TO KIDNAP HER AGAIN.
...
MY SISTER'S KIND OF TIED UP AT THE MOMENT, SO I THOUGHT I'D COME INSTEAD...
UHH ...
UM... HEY...
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU WANT?
GO
GO
GO (RUMBLE)
GO
UH...ANYWAY, COULD YOU LET FUYUMI-CHAN GO NOW...?
MAYBE THAT WASN'T A GREAT IDEA...?

HEH HEH ...
THESE KIDS! THE DEMON WORLD'S IN CRISIS, AND THEY ALL SEEM TO HAVE OTHER THINGS ON THEIR MINDS.
A TEXT FROM KNELL.
WHAT IS IT, NEYN-CHAN?
SORRY TO INTERRUPT THE ROMANCE.
!
BUT THERE'S BEEN A DEVEL-OPMENT.
THINKING ABOUT THE HEAVY STUFF IS A JOB FOR GROWN-UPS.
HAH. EVERYONE'S LIKE THAT WHEN THEY'RE YOUNG.
THOUGH YOU DON'T THINK ABOUT MUCH AT ALL.
AHEM.
OH, ARE YOU?
...I'M DOIN' MY SHARE OF THINKING.
COME ON, THAT'S NOT TRUE...

オオオ…
OOOO (WHOOO)
DEMON WORLD NORTH WAS THE FIRST TO BE HIT.
HUH, THAT'S WEIRD..... I WAS JUST PLAYING A LITTLE BIT, AND EVERYONE'S GONE.
I WONDER WHICH ONE WAS THE BOSS.....?
OH, WELL. ☆ I'LL TRY OVER HERE.
ZU
ZU
ZU (ZWW)

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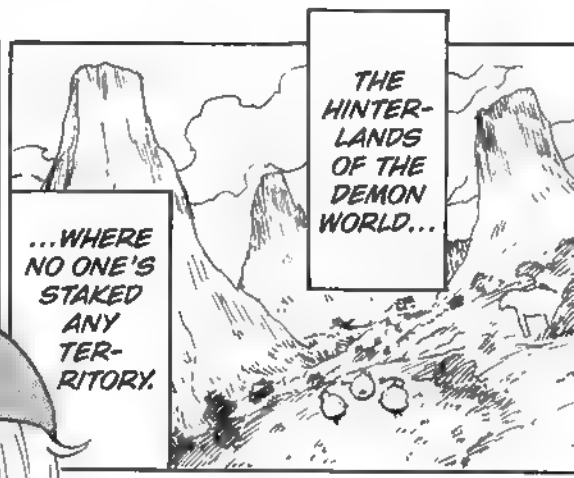
Living in the Demon World

WHAT'S THAT? WHO, YOU SAY?

THAT IS WHERE HE LIVES.



THE HINTER-LANDS OF THE DEMON WORLD...

...WHERE NO ONE'S STAKED ANY TER-RITORY.

HIS NAME IS PATI.

HM?

WHAT TIME IS IT...?

AND HE'S A BOY WHO LIVES IN THE HINTER-LANDS.

FOR SOME REASON, HE'S TAKEN OFF AT A SPRINT THROUGH THE PEACEFUL LANDSCAPE.

RAAAH!

BA (FLING)

WHAT COULD THIS BE ABOUT?

IT'S ALREADY THIS LATE... I'LL NEVER MAKE IT.....

DA (DASH)

—OH, NO!

GIN (STARE)
BAKYA (RRRIP)
OH...IT'S ALREADY STARTED ...
YORO (STAGGER)
HUFF... HUFF...
AND I REALLY... LIKED THESE CLOTHES ...
WELL... AT A CERTAIN TIME, THIS LITTLE BOY...
ZU (ZMM)
ZU
ZU
UUURGH... I'M... SOR...R... RAAARGH!
...TRANS-FORMS INTO...
OOOOO (ROOOAR)
...AN ENOR-MOUS BEAST.
BASA (FLAP)
BASA

ズシン
ZUSHIN
ZUSHIN (STOMP)
WHILE HE'S IN THIS STATE, NO ONE CAN STOP HIM...
AND UNTIL THE TIME IS UP, HE DOES NOTHING BUT RAMPAGE.
NOW HE'S UNABLE TO CONTROL HIMSELF.
シュタッ
SHUTA (SHOOP)
LATE? YER GETTIN' LAZY.
YOU KNUCKLE-HEAD.
...EXCEPT FOR ONE MAN.
ドス
DOSU (STAB)
TO BE CONTINUED
AS FOR THE OLD MAN WHO JUST SUBDUED PATI...
...WE'LL SAVE HIS STORY FOR ANOTHER TIME.
END
NO SUPPER FOR YOU.
ズズゥウン
ZUZUUUN (BUBOOM)

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HEY, THIS IS KIND OF RANDOM, BUT YOU KNOW THE NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY?
APPARENTLY IT'S THIS PLACE WHERE THEY ARCHIVE ALL OF THE BOOKS THAT COME OUT...
...WITHOUT THE DUST JACKETS.

SINCE I'M ALWAYS ON THE COVER OF THIS MANGA...
...THAT MUST MAKE IT LOOK LIKE THE STORY'S REALLY ABOUT ME. BUT THAT'S COOL, RIGHT?
I MEAN, IT IS IN SOME PLACES.

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